

# **EXHIBIT A**

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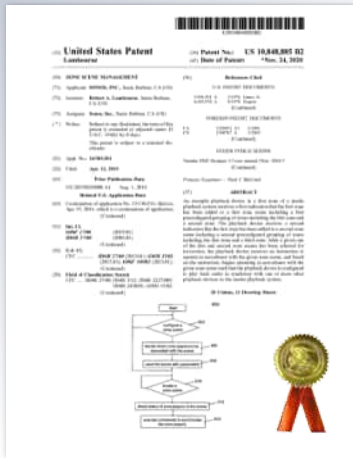
# Assignment – Validity of '885 Patent

  
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<p>(12) <b>United States Patent</b> <b>Lambourne</b></p> <p>(54) <b>ZONE SCENE MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>(71) Applicant: <b>SONOS, INC.</b>, Santa Barbara, CA (US)</p> <p>(72) Inventor: <b>Robert A. Lambourne</b>, Santa Barbara, CA (US)</p> <p>(73) Assignee: <b>Sonos, Inc.</b>, Santa Barbara, CA (US)</p> <p>(*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days.  This patent is subject to a terminal disclaimer.</p> <p>(21) Appl. No.: <b>16/383,561</b></p> <p>(22) Filed: <b>Apr. 12, 2019</b></p> <p>(65) <b>Prior Publication Data</b> US 2019/0239008 A1 Aug. 1, 2019</p> <p><b>Related U.S. Application Data</b></p> <p>(63) Continuation of application No. 15/130,919, filed on Apr. 15, 2016, which is a continuation of application (Continued)</p> <p>(51) <b>Int. Cl.</b> <b>G06F 17/00</b> (2019.01) <b>H04R 27/00</b> (2006.01) (Continued)</p> <p>(52) <b>U.S. Cl.</b> CPC ..... <b>H04R 27/00</b> (2013.01); <b>G05B 15/02</b> (2013.01); <b>G06F 3/0482</b> (2013.01); (Continued)</p> <p>(58) <b>Field of Classification Search</b> CPC .... H04R 27/00; H04R 3/12; H04R 2227/005; H04R 2430/01; G05B 15/02; (Continued)</p>	<p>(10) <b>Patent No.: US 10,848,885 B2</b></p> <p>(45) <b>Date of Patent: *Nov. 24, 2020</b></p> <p>(56) <b>References Cited</b></p> <p>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</p> <p>3,956,591 A 5/1976 Gates, Jr. 4,105,974 A 8/1978 Rogers (Continued)</p> <p>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</p> <p>CA 2320451 A1 3/2001 CN 1598767 A 3/2005 (Continued)</p> <p>OTHER PUBLICATIONS</p> <p>Yamaha DME Designer 3.5 user manual (Year: 2004). (Continued)</p> <p><i>Primary Examiner</i> — Paul C McCord</p> <p>(57) <b>ABSTRACT</b></p> <p>An example playback device in a first zone of a media playback system receives a first indication that the first zone has been added to a first zone scene including a first preconfigured grouping of zones including the first zone and a second zone. The playback device receives a second indication that the first zone has been added to a second zone scene including a second preconfigured grouping of zones including the first zone and a third zone. After a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, the playback device receives an instruction to operate in accordance with the given zone scene, and based on the instruction, begins operating in accordance with the given zone scene such that the playback device is configured to play back audio in synchrony with one or more other playback devices in the media playback system.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>20 Claims, 11 Drawing Sheets</b></p>
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# Claim 1 of '885 Patent



US 10,848,885, Claim 1

## 1. A first zone player comprising:

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while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:

(i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and

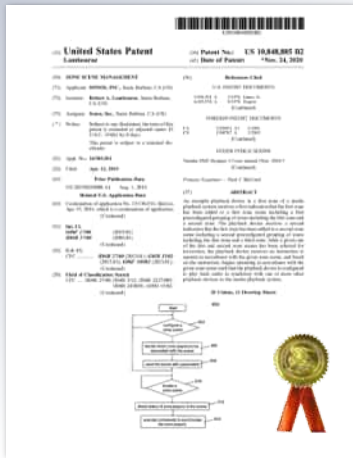
(ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;

after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;

after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and

based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

# Sonos's "Zone Scene" Grouping



US 10,848,885, Claim 1

## 1. A first zone player comprising:

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while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:

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- (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;

Setup

after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;

after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and  
based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

Invocation

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[1.0] A first zone player comprising:

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[1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:

[1.6] (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and

[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;

[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;

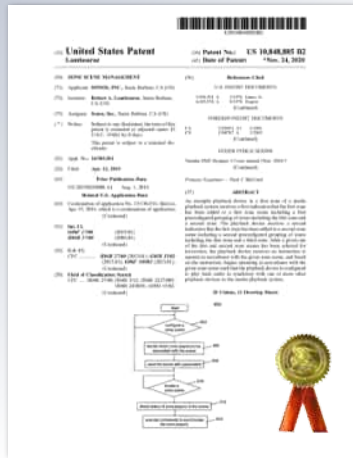
[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and

[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

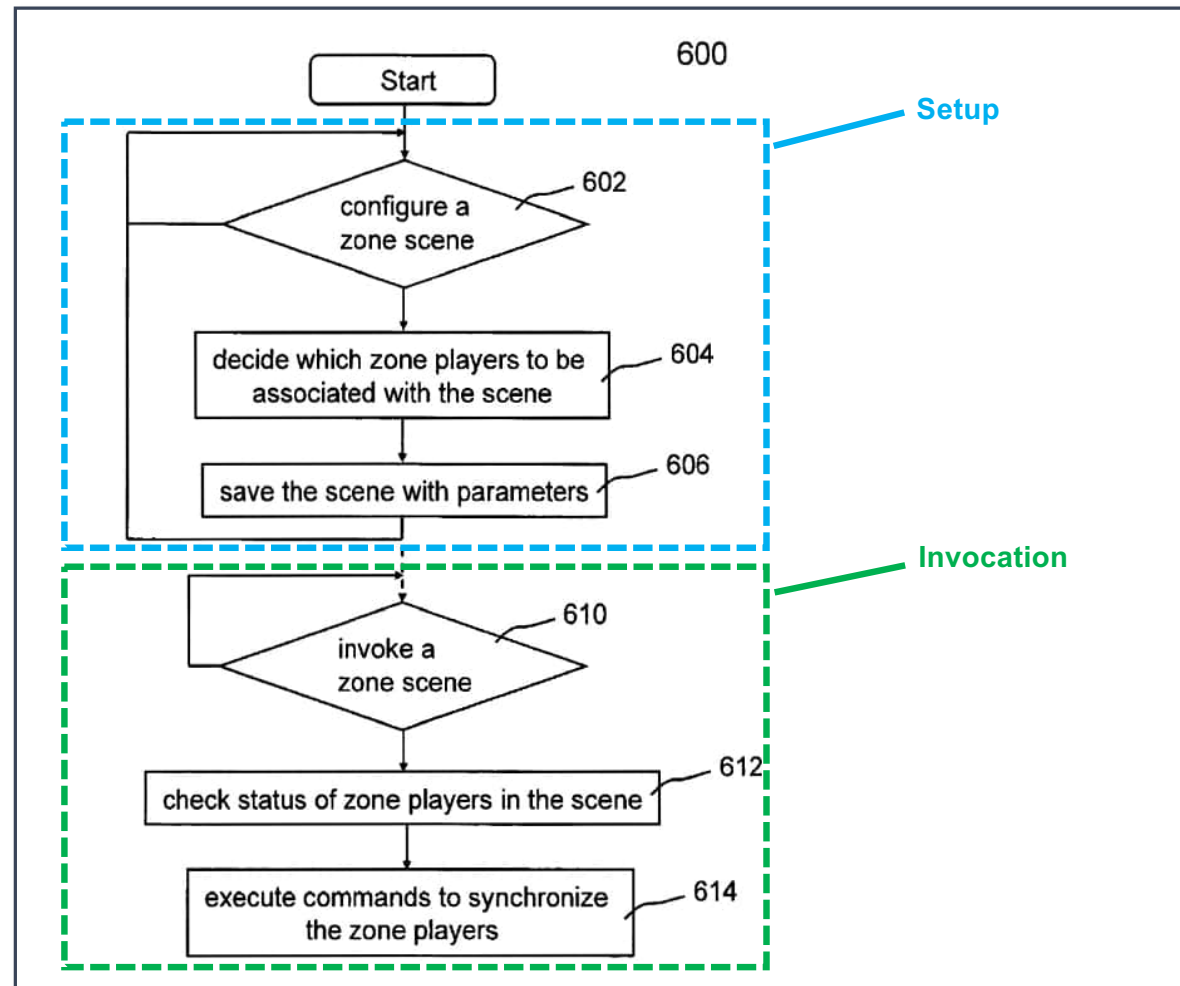
Setup

Invocation

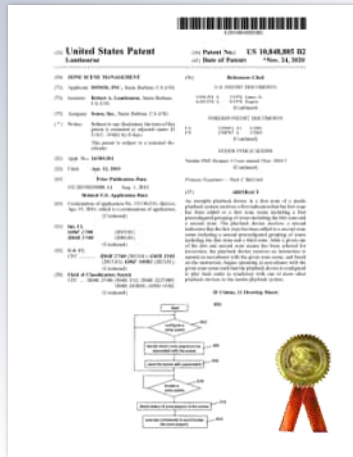
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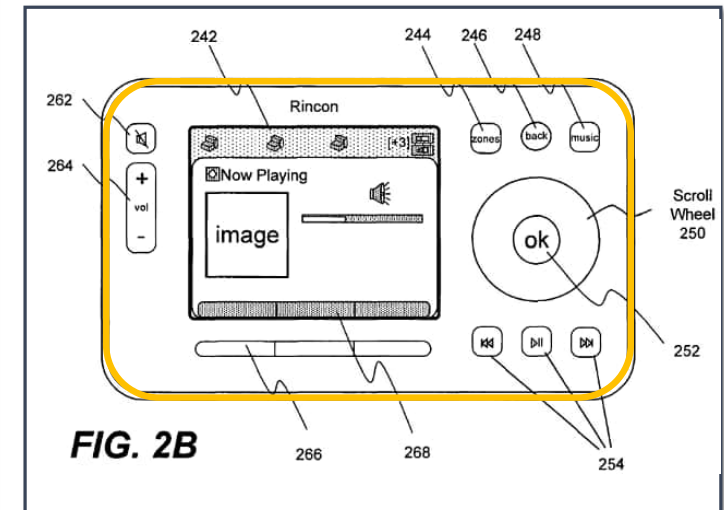
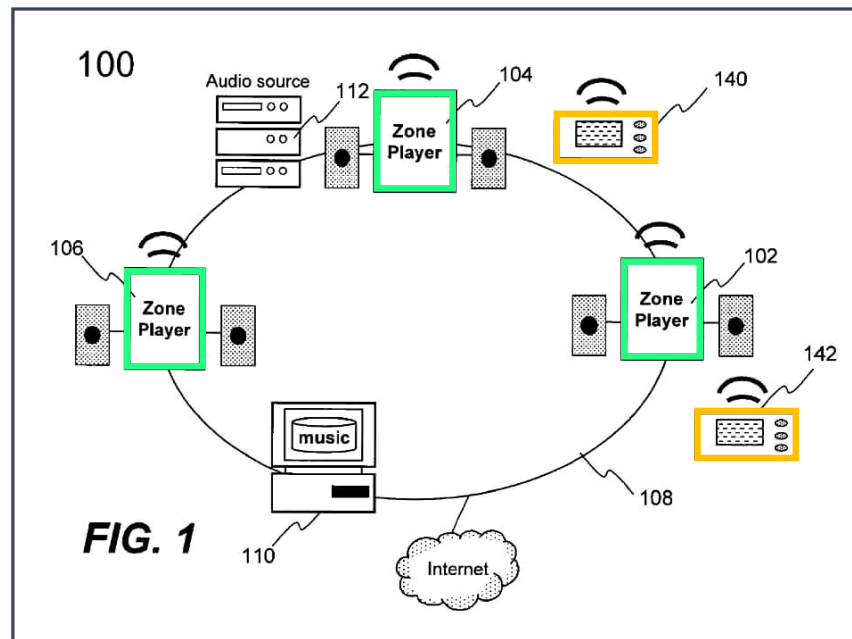
US 10,848,885, Fig. 6



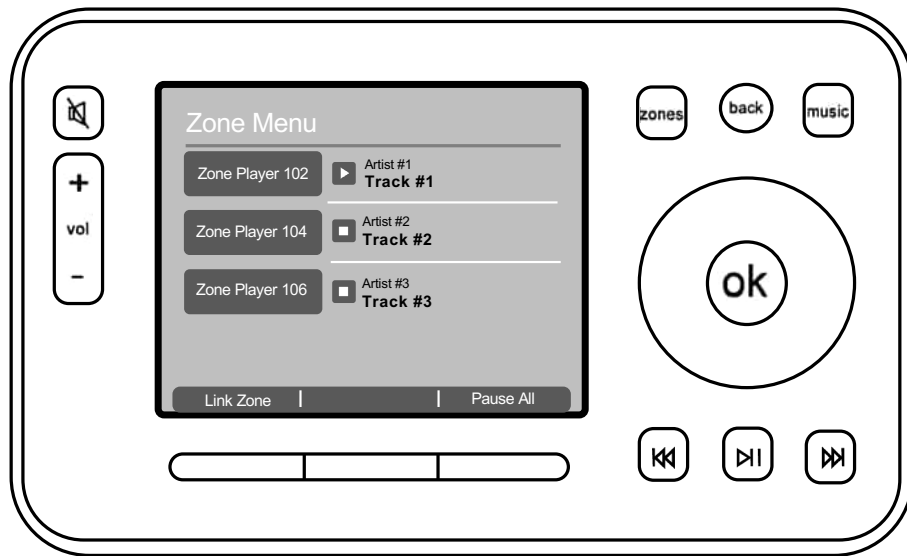
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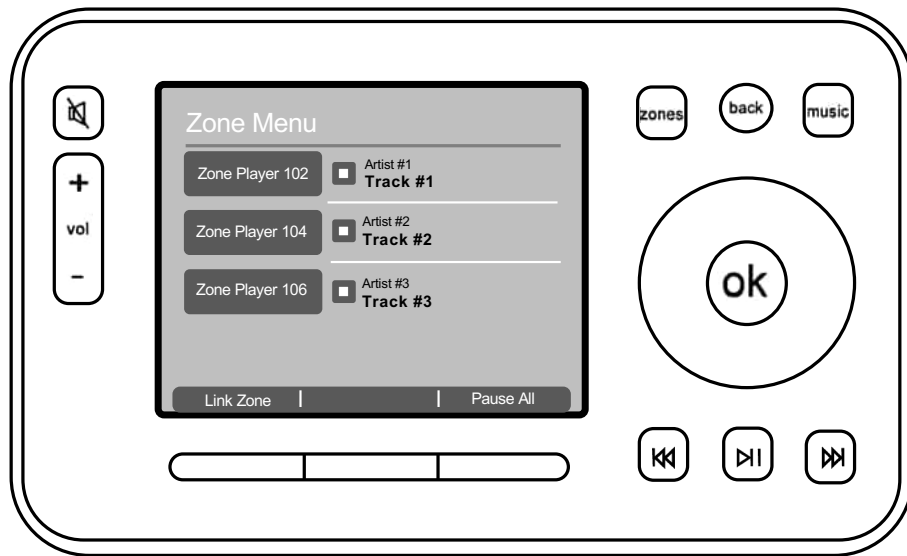
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Figs. 1, 2B



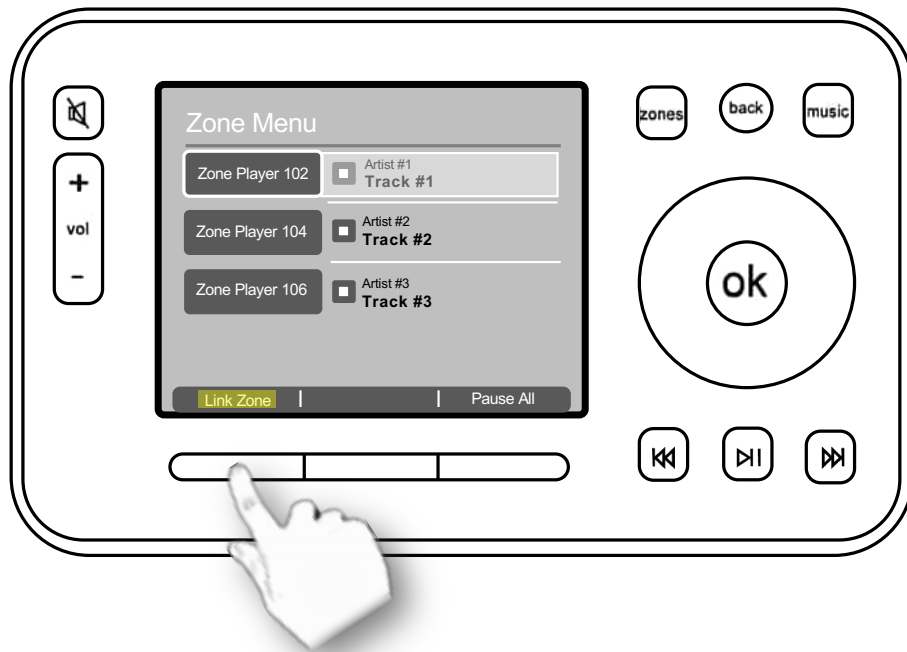
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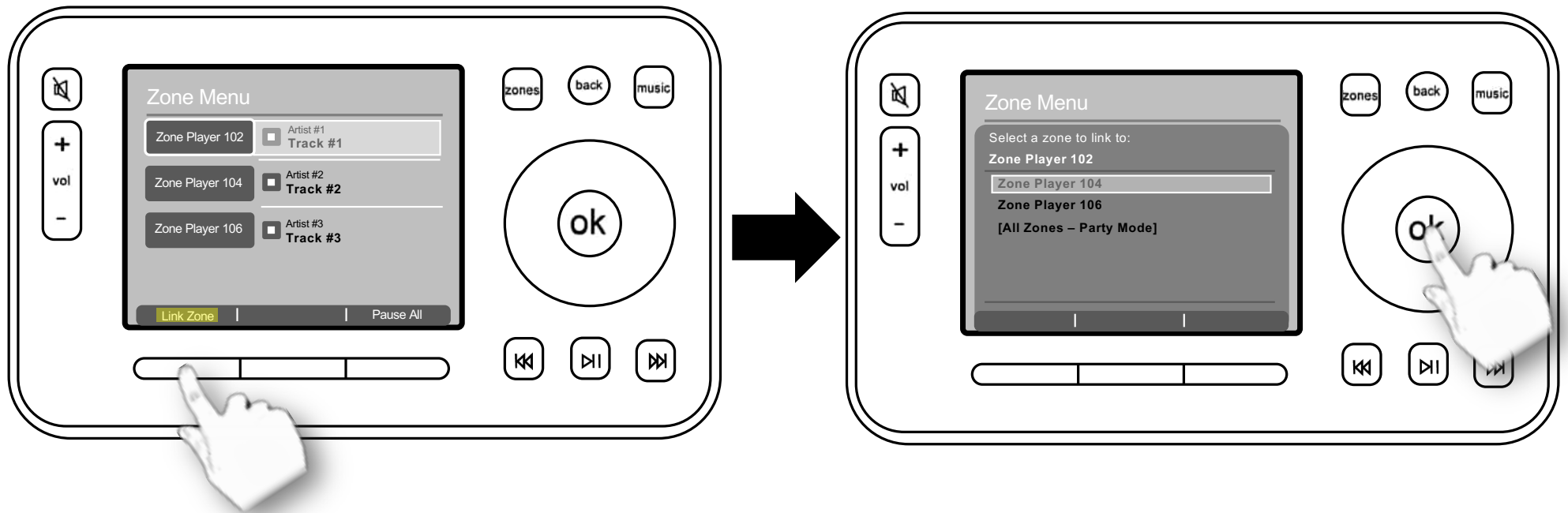


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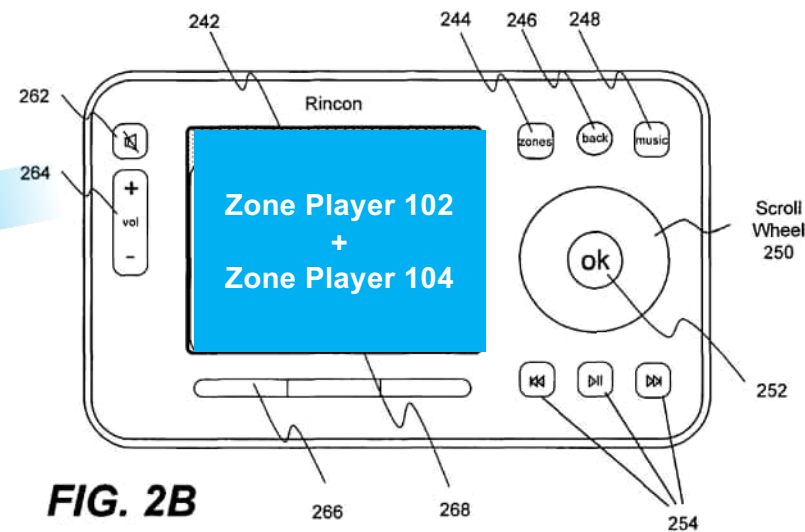
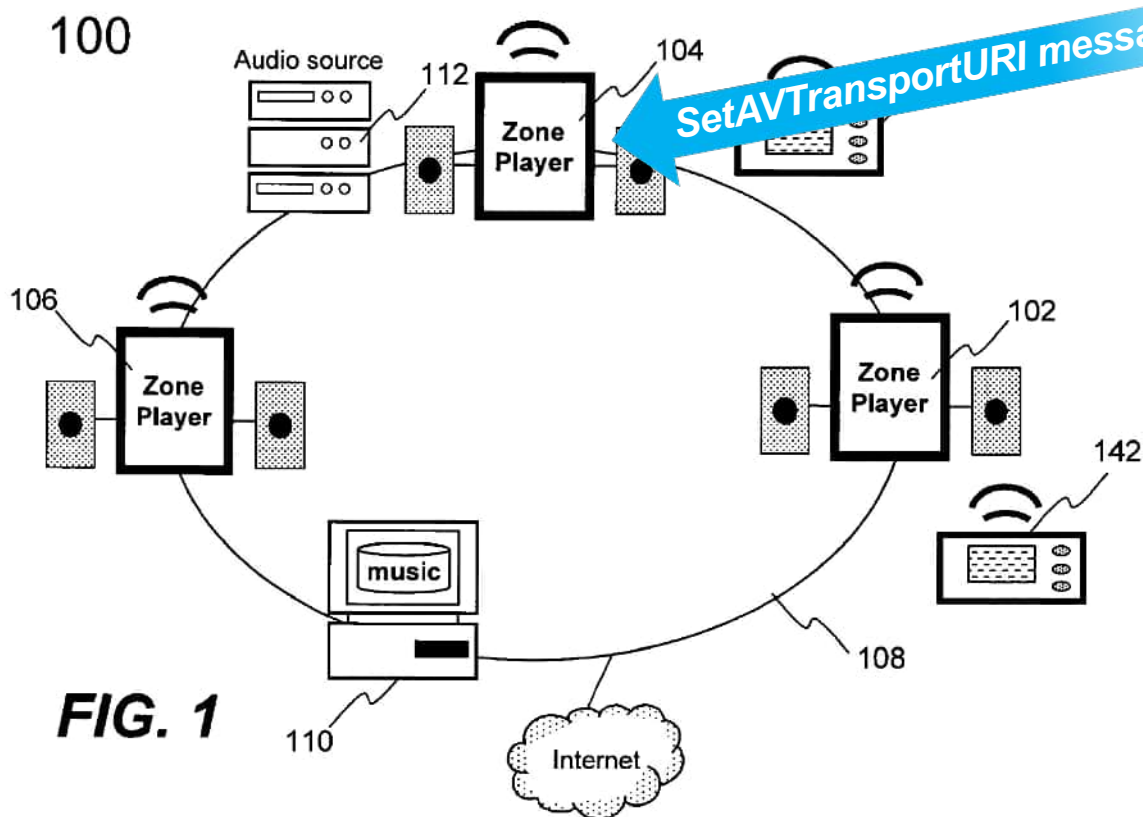




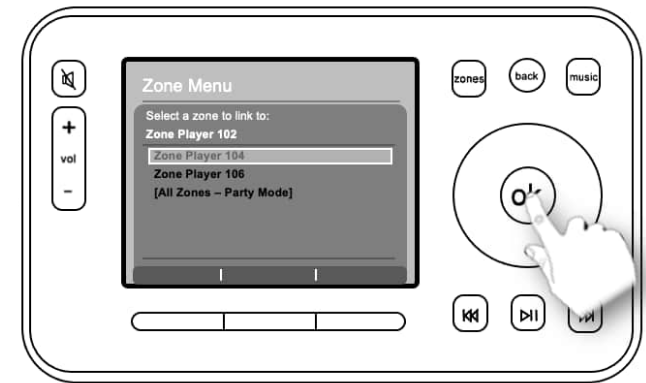
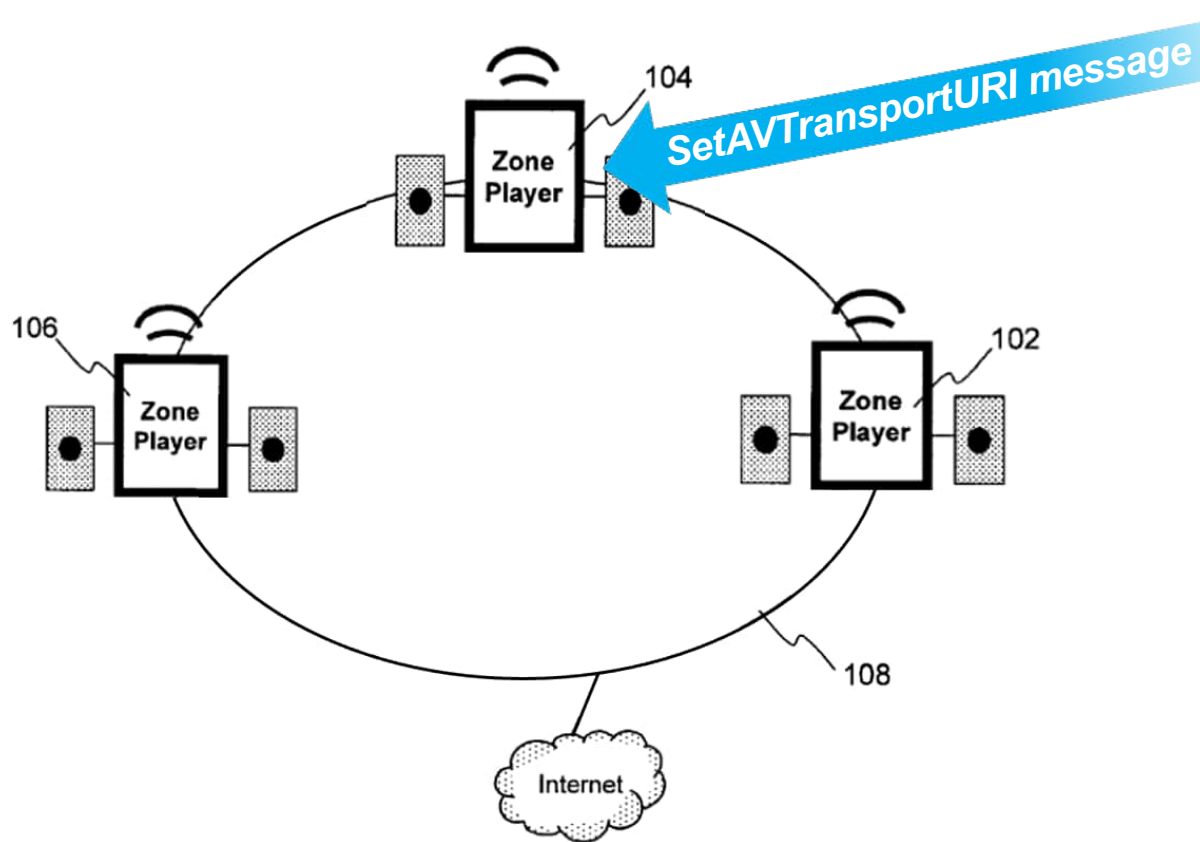
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# Sonos's Ad-Hoc Grouping – Groups Can Only Exist in Invoked State

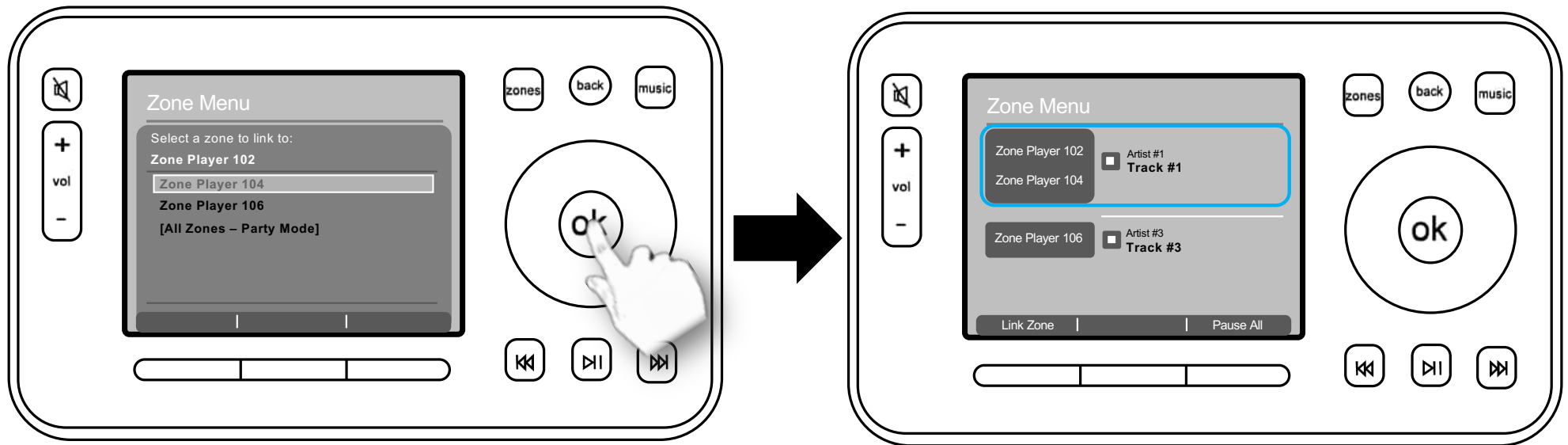


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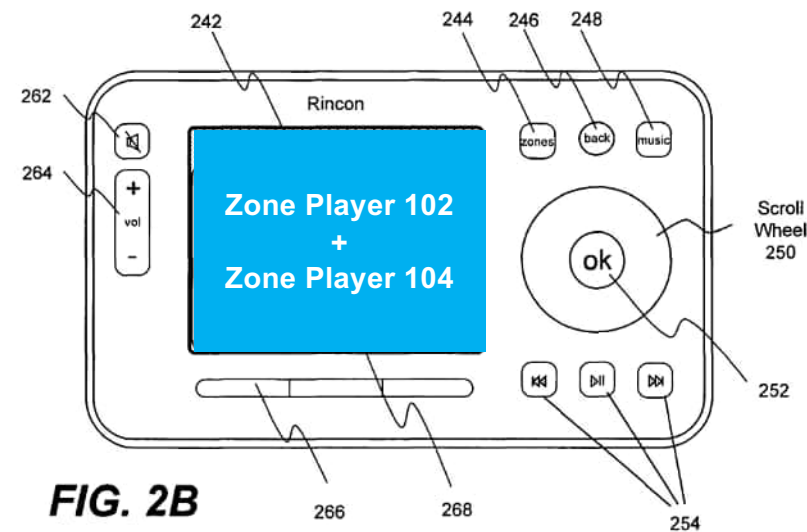
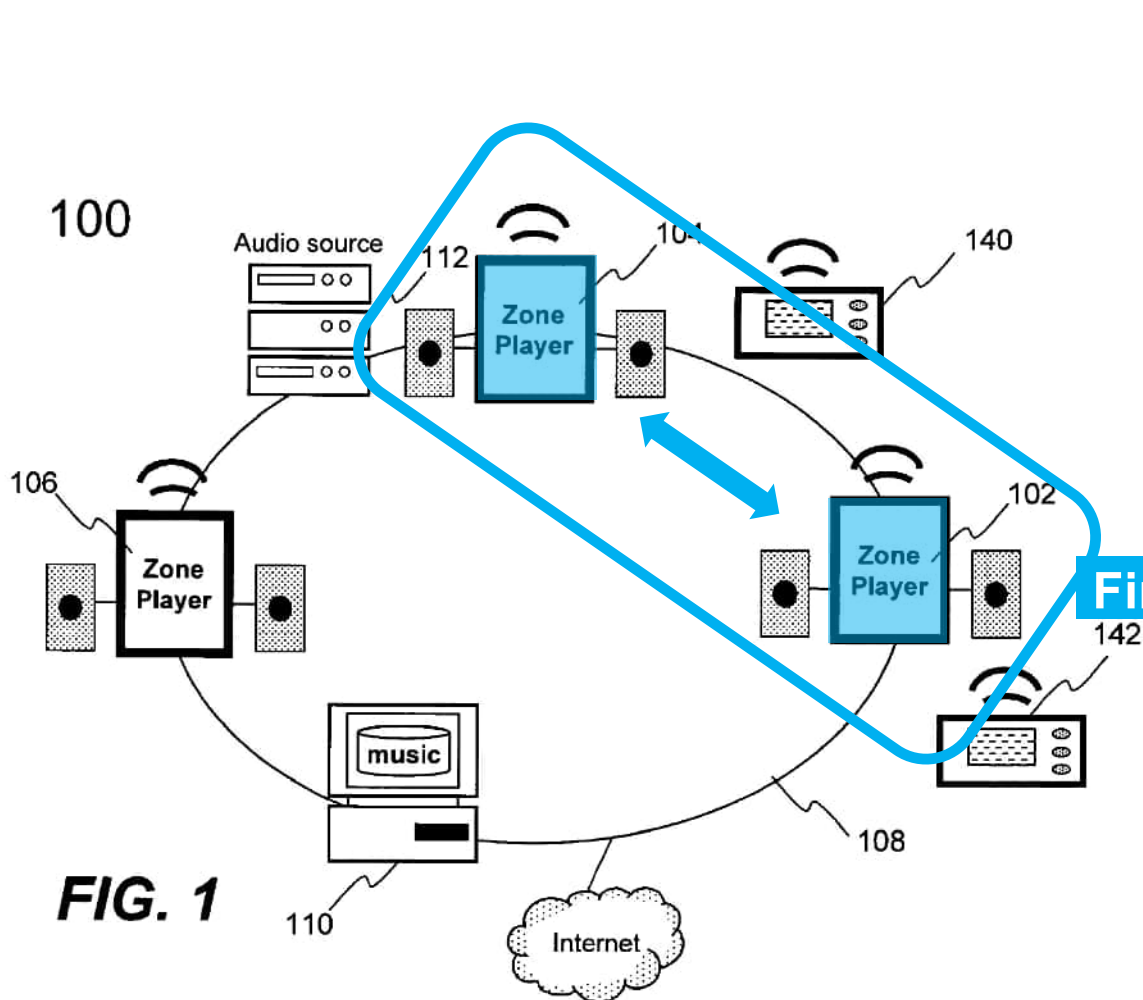


**First Zone Group**  
Zone Player 102 + Zone Player 104

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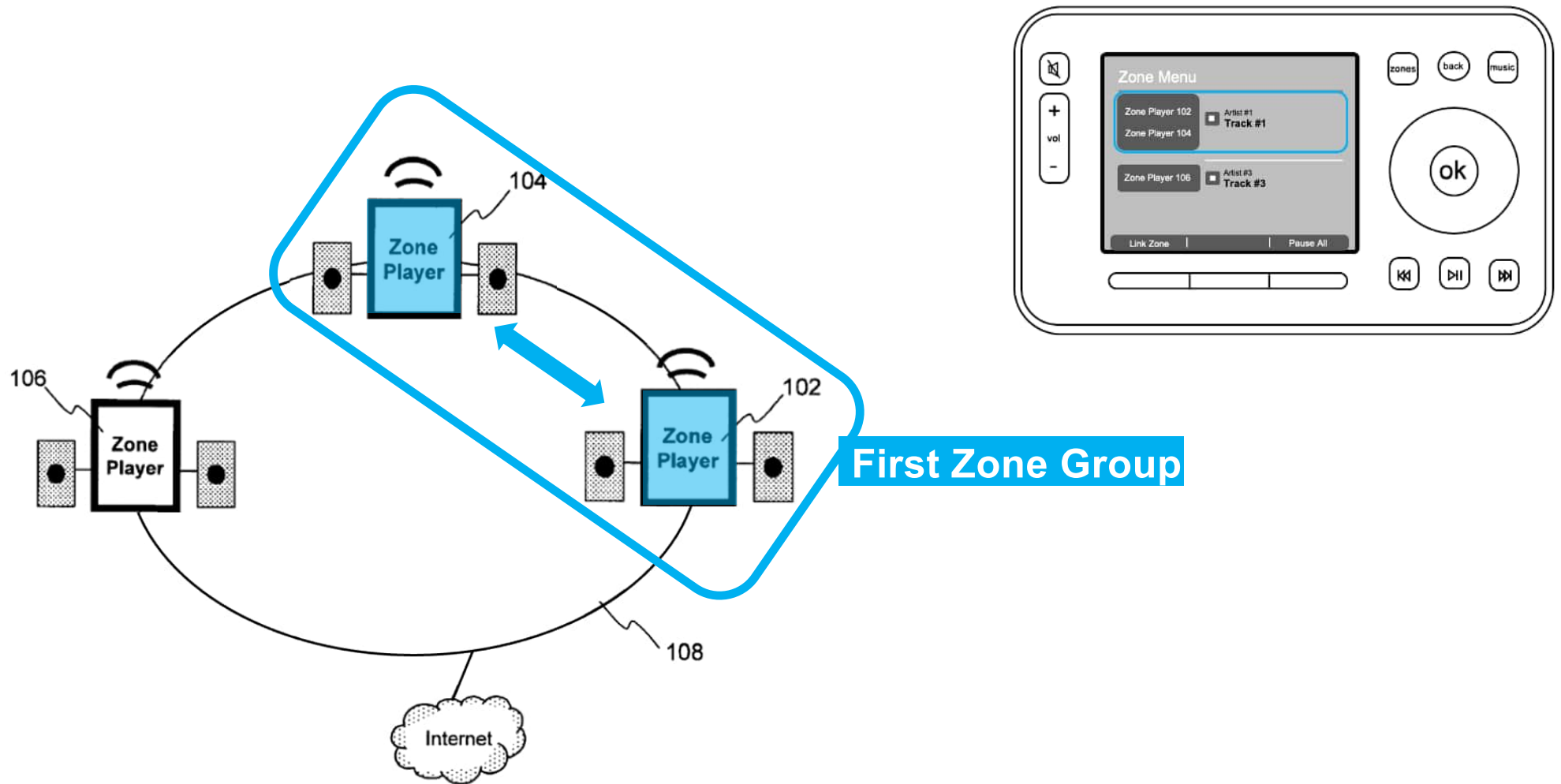


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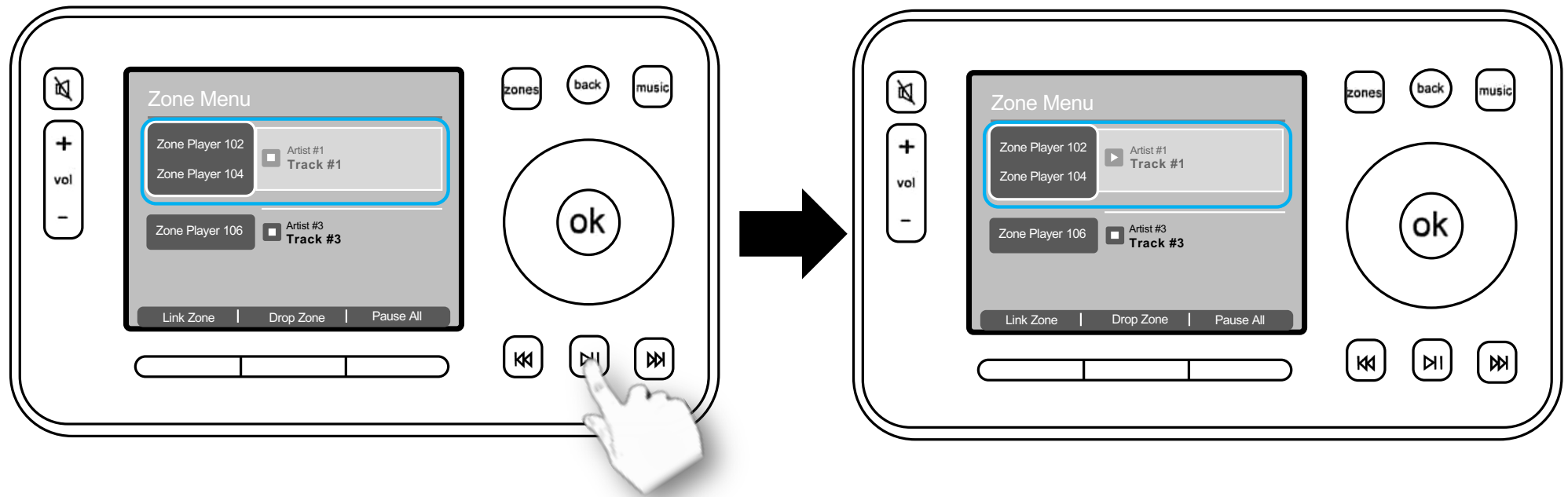


**First Zone Group**

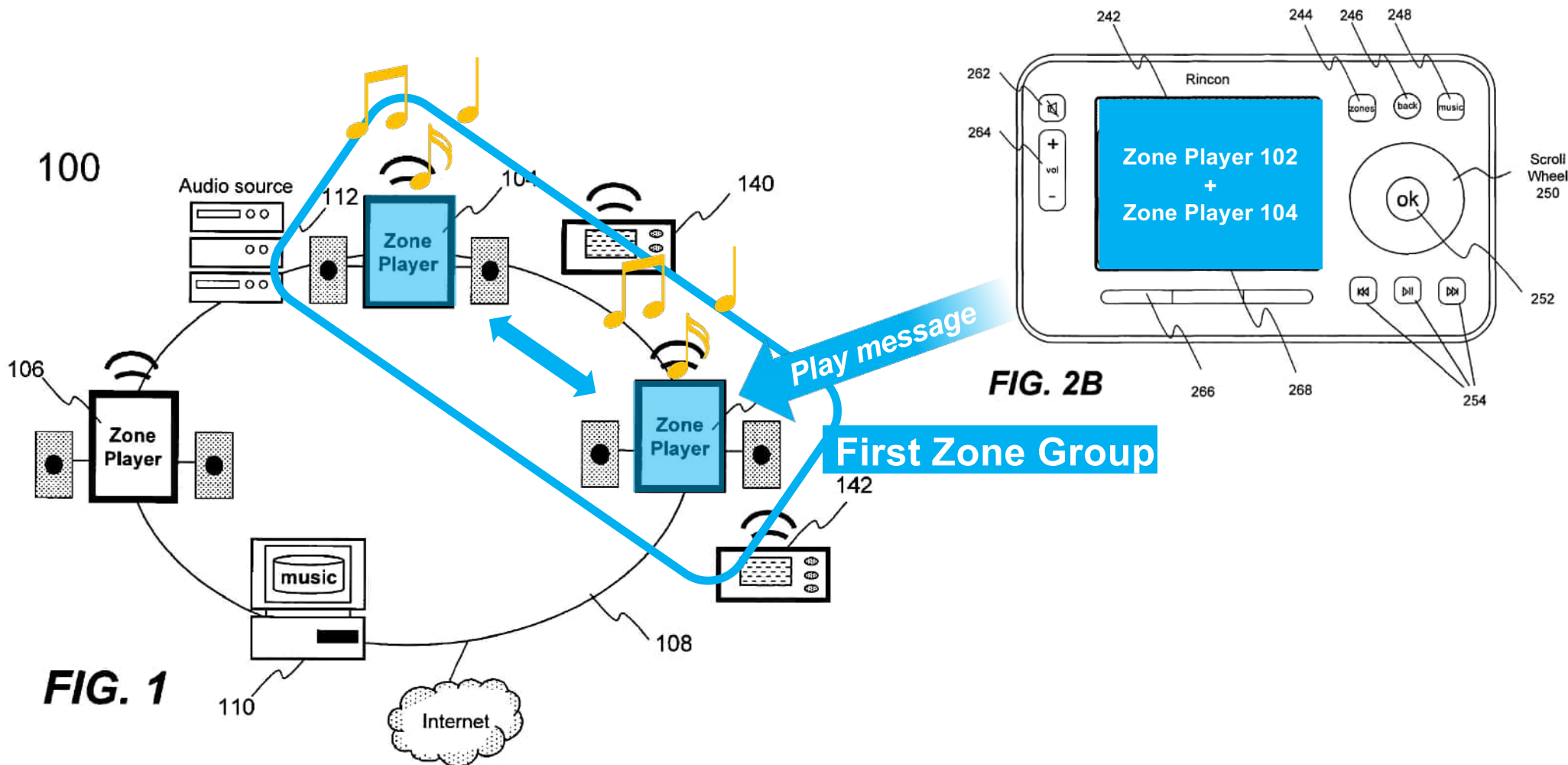
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## Sonos's Ad-Hoc Grouping – Initiating Playback After Invocation

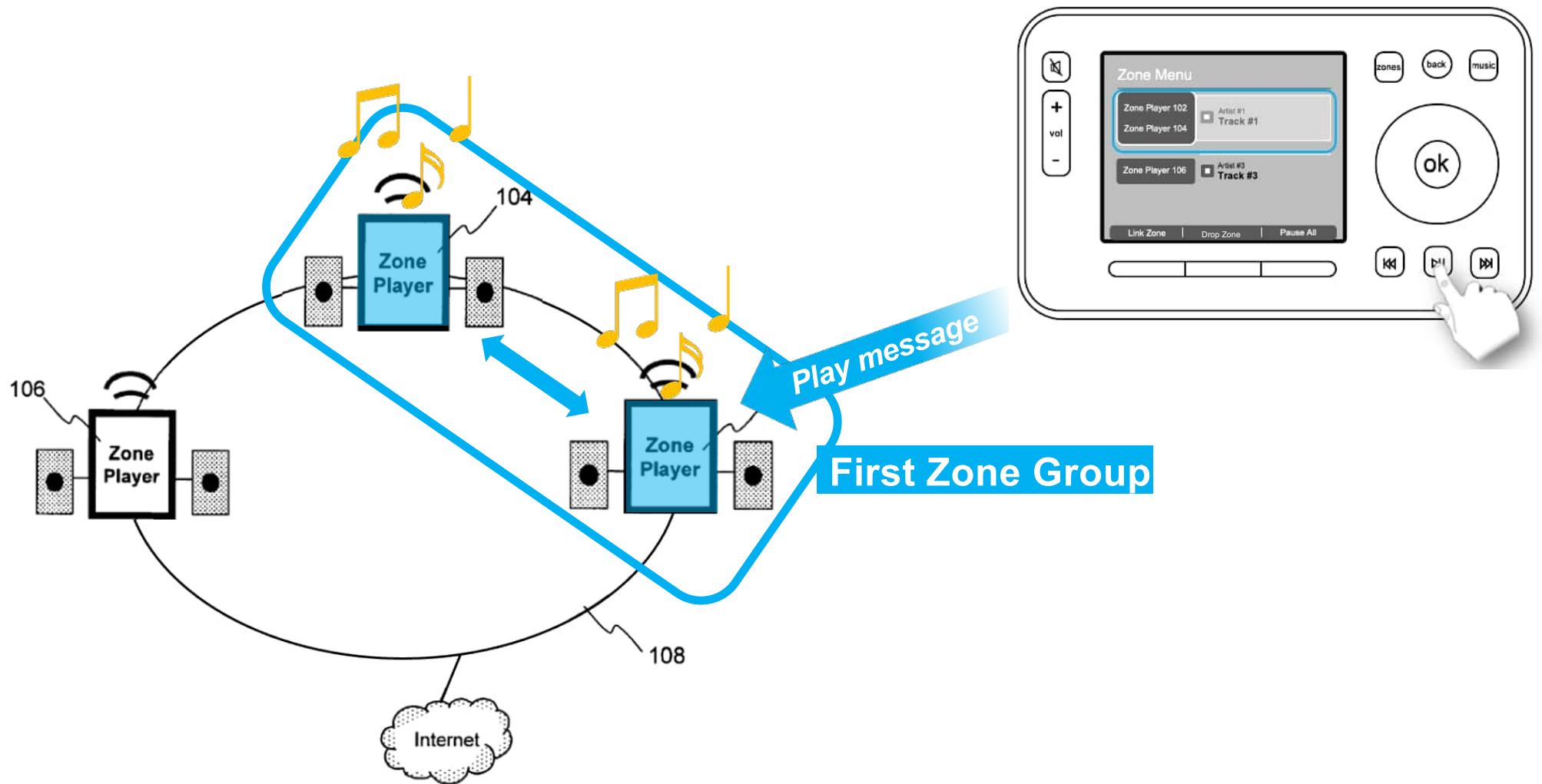


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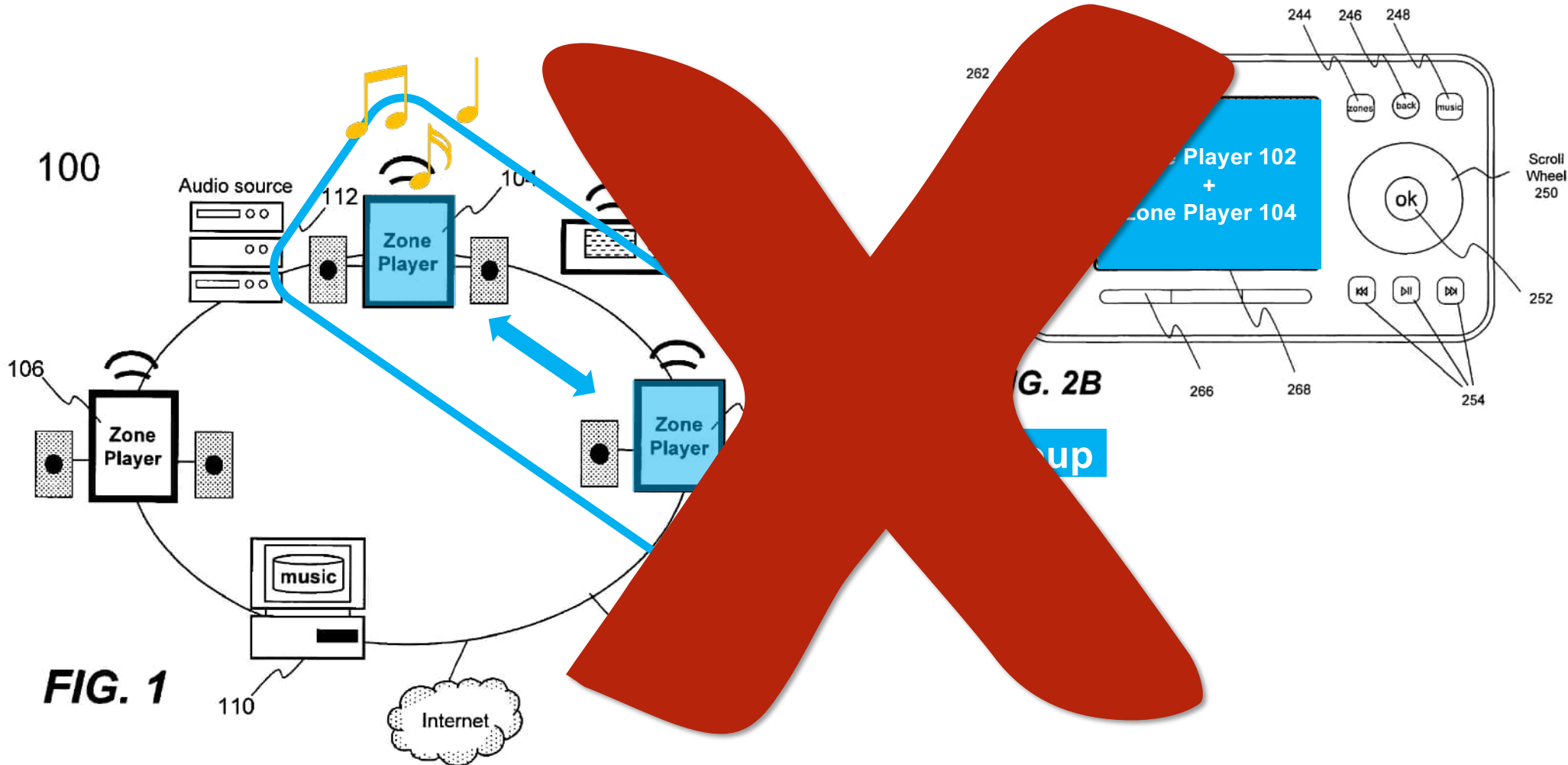




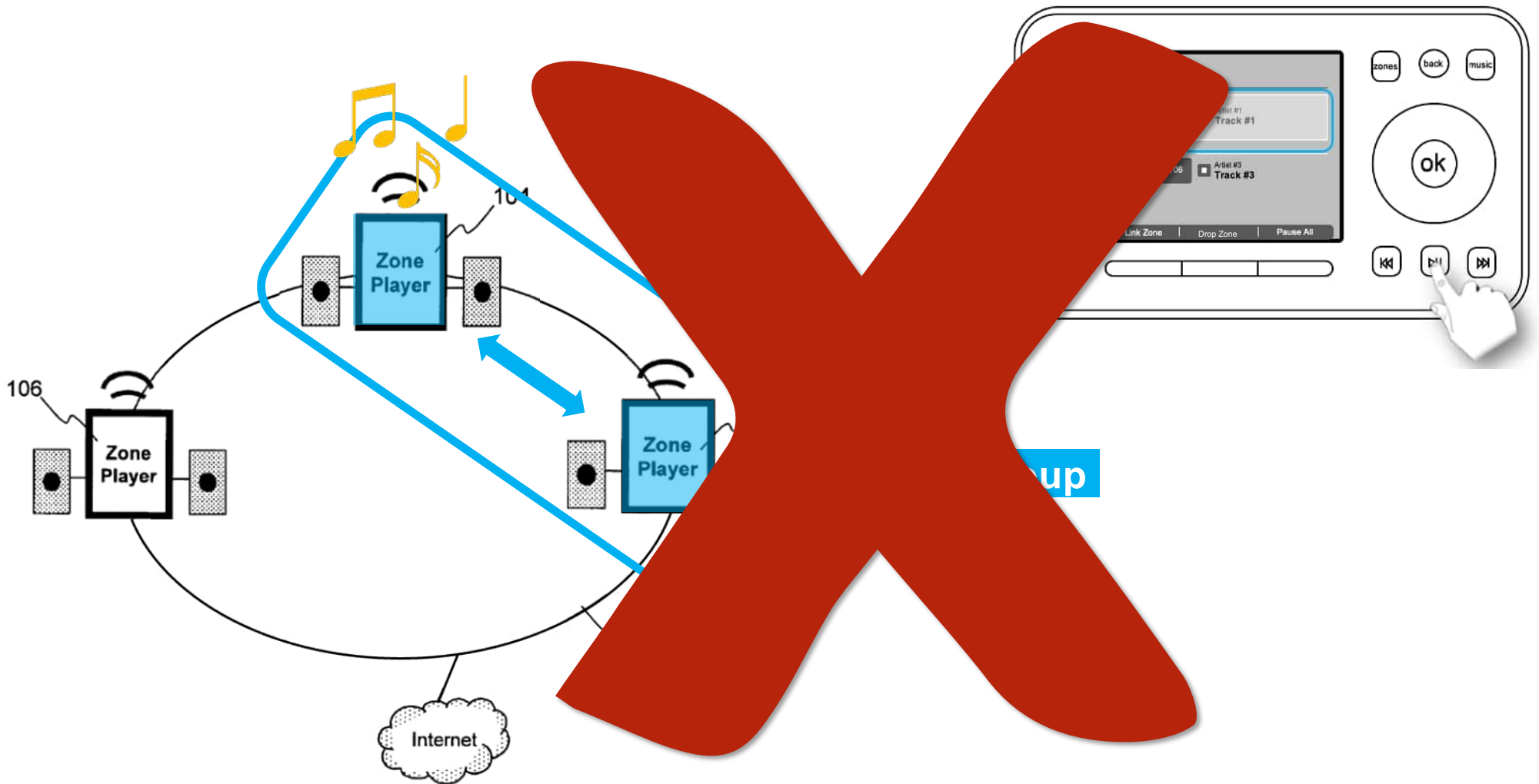
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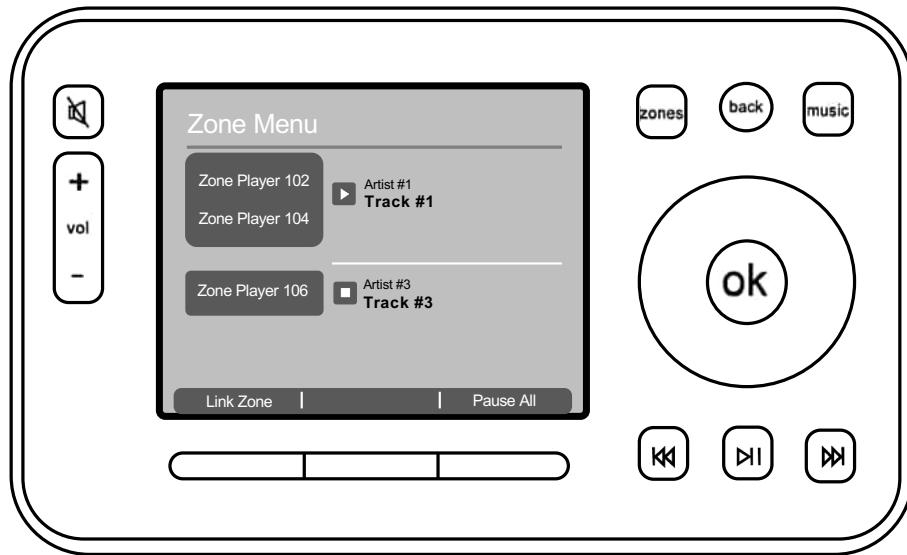
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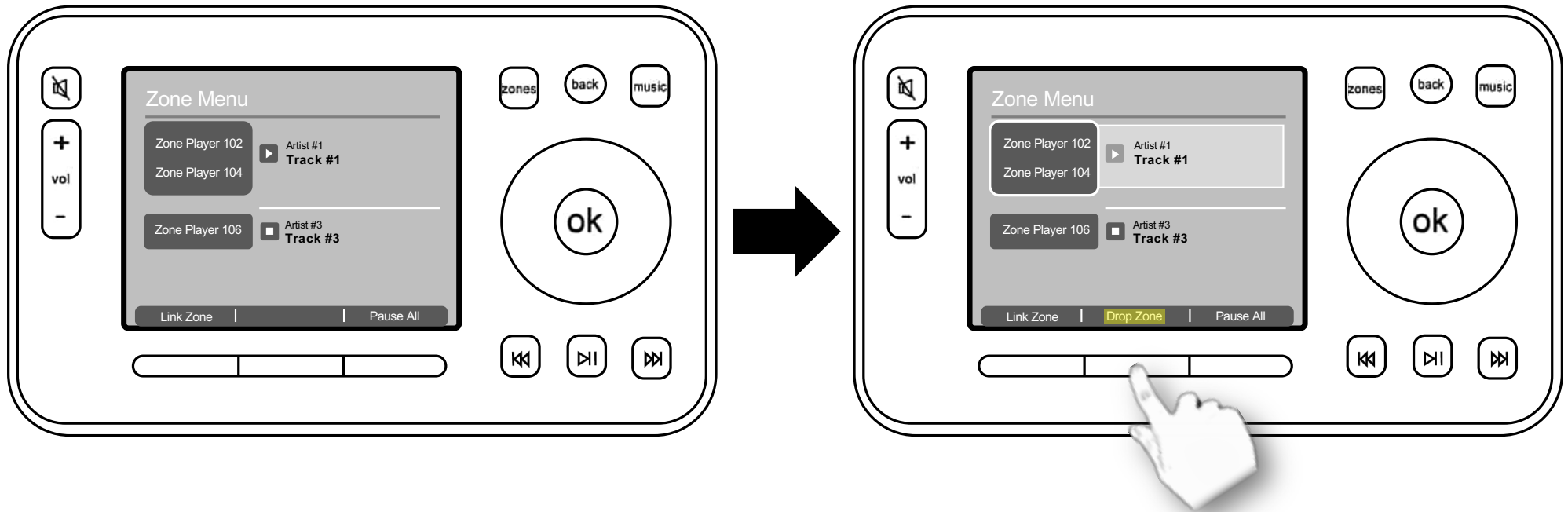
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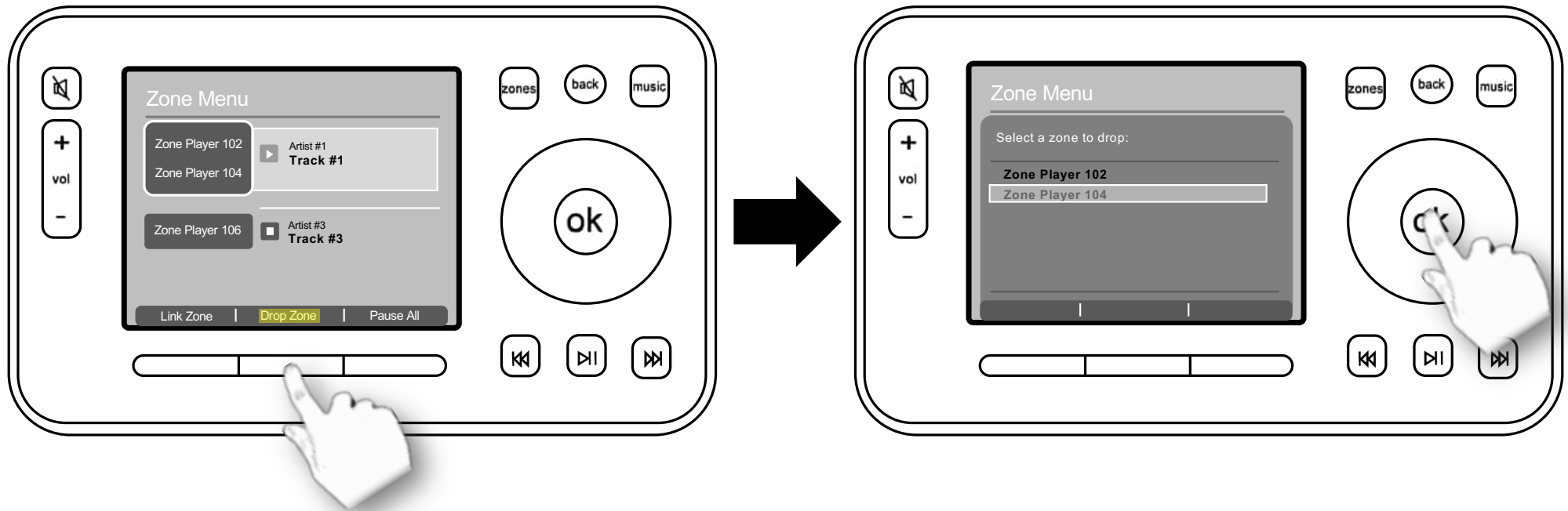
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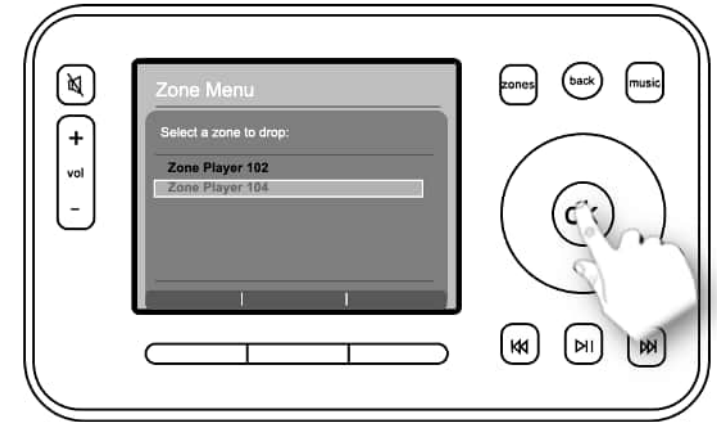
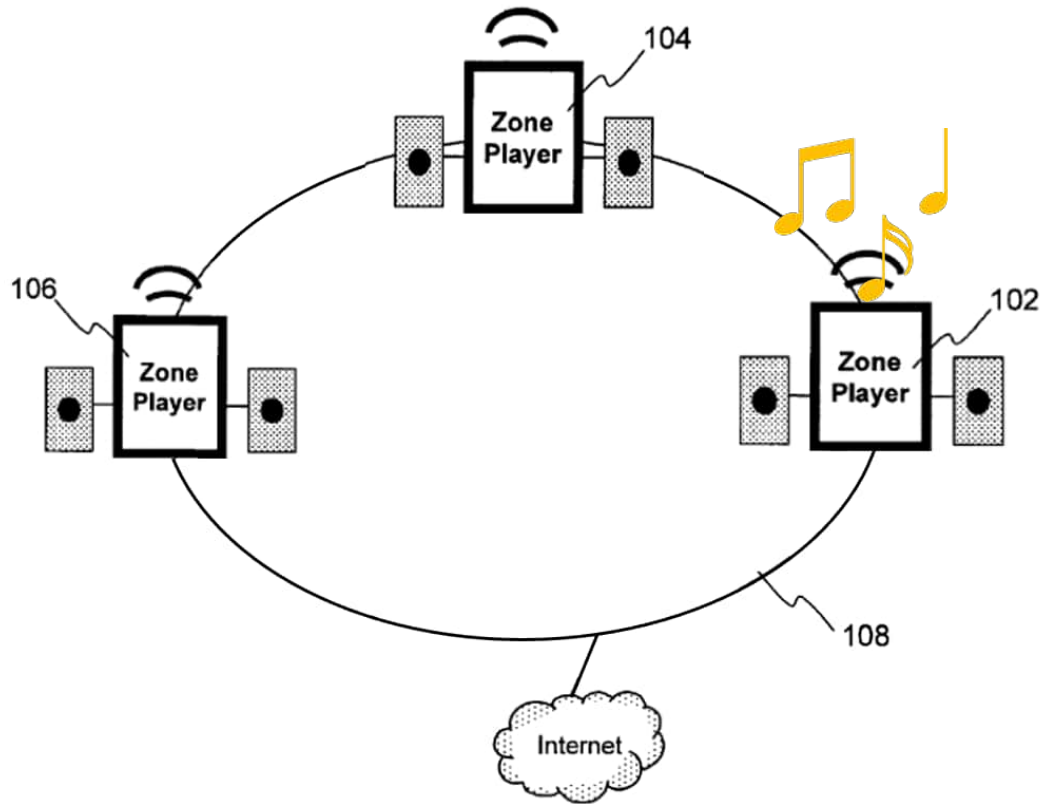
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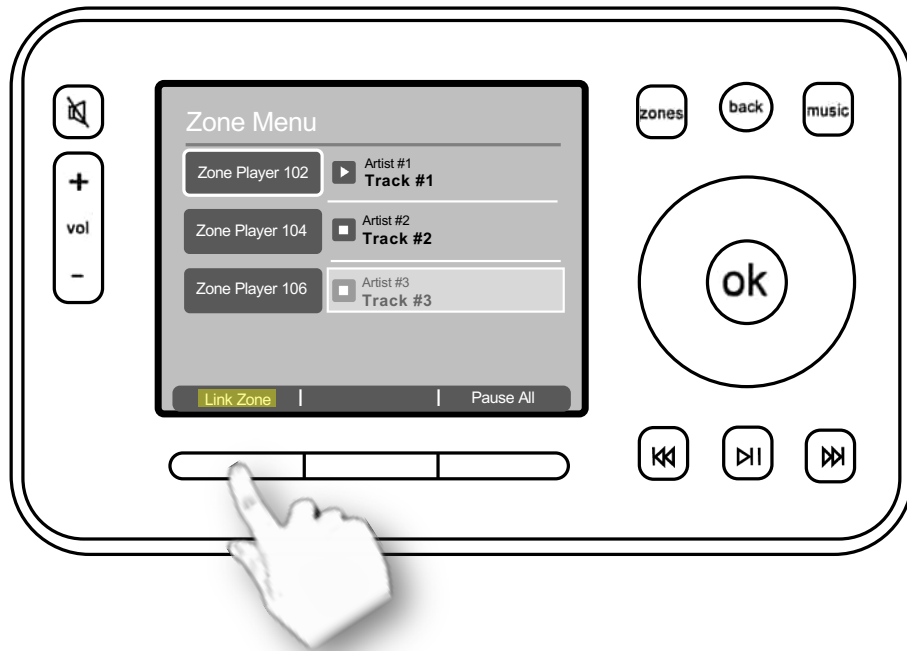
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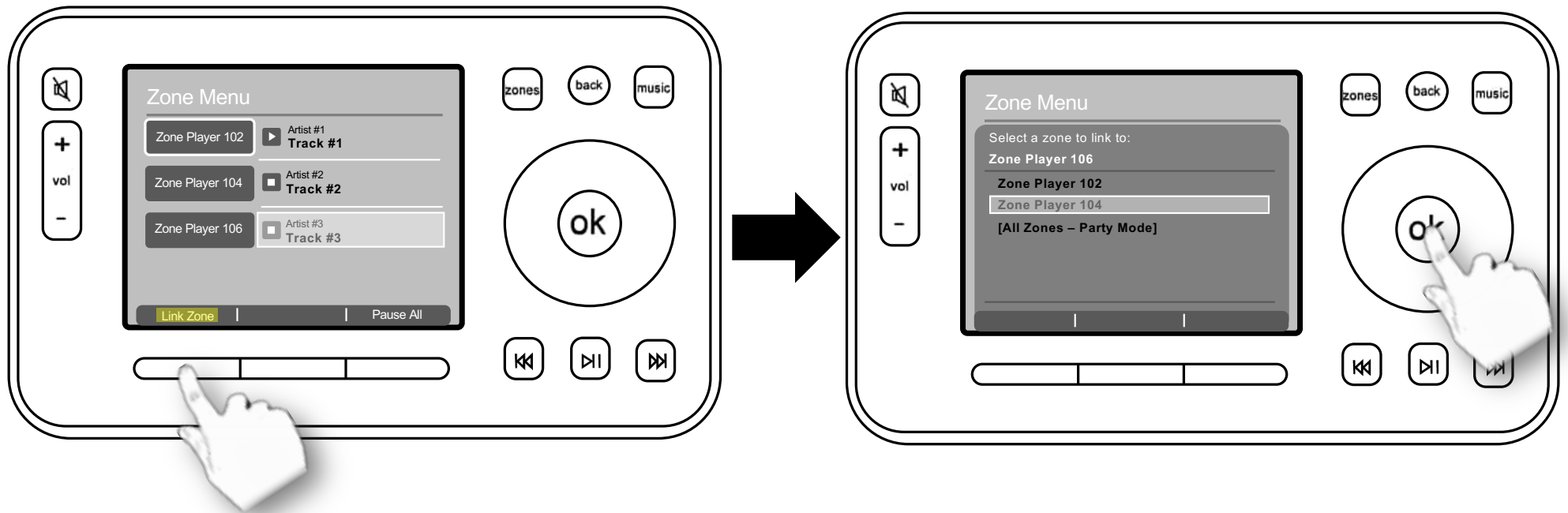


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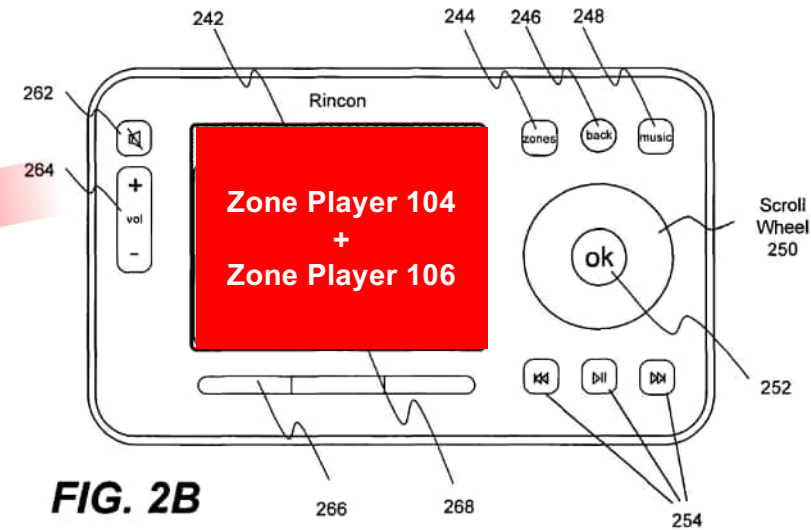
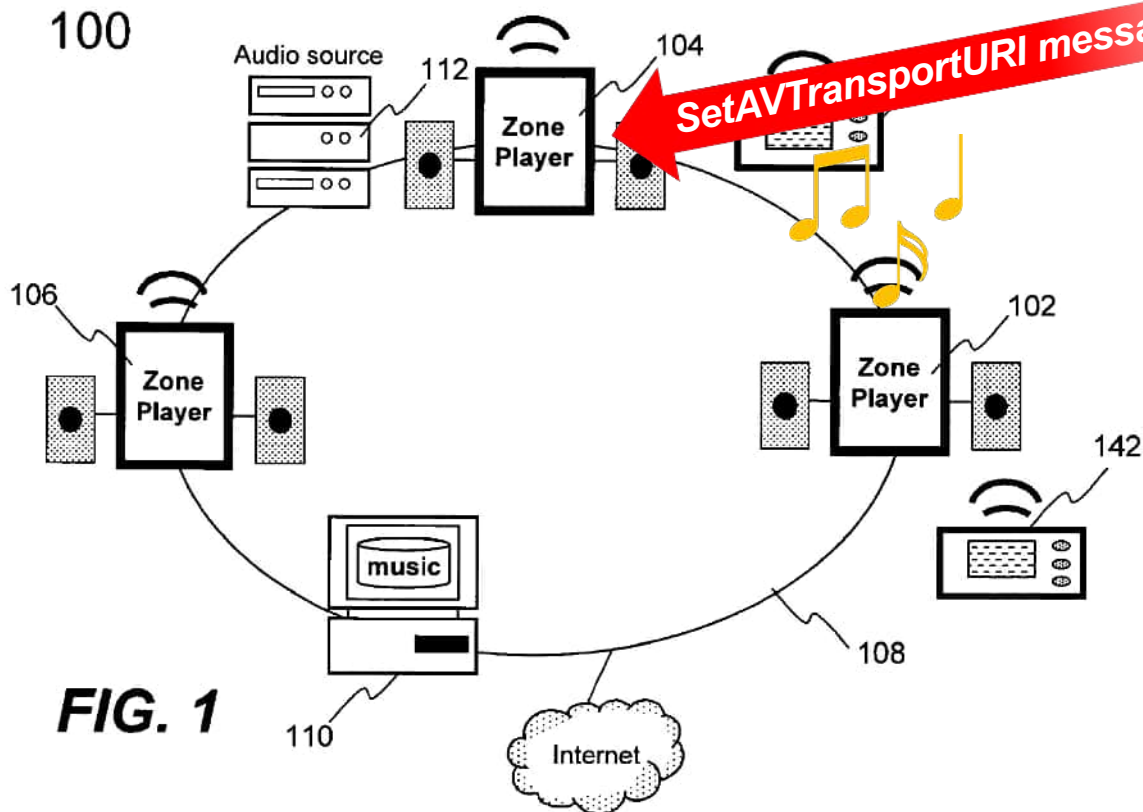




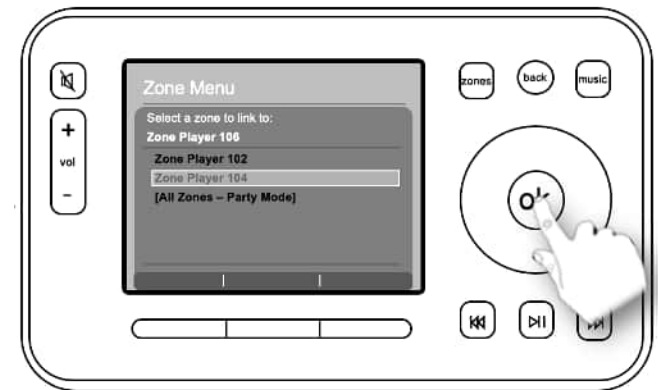
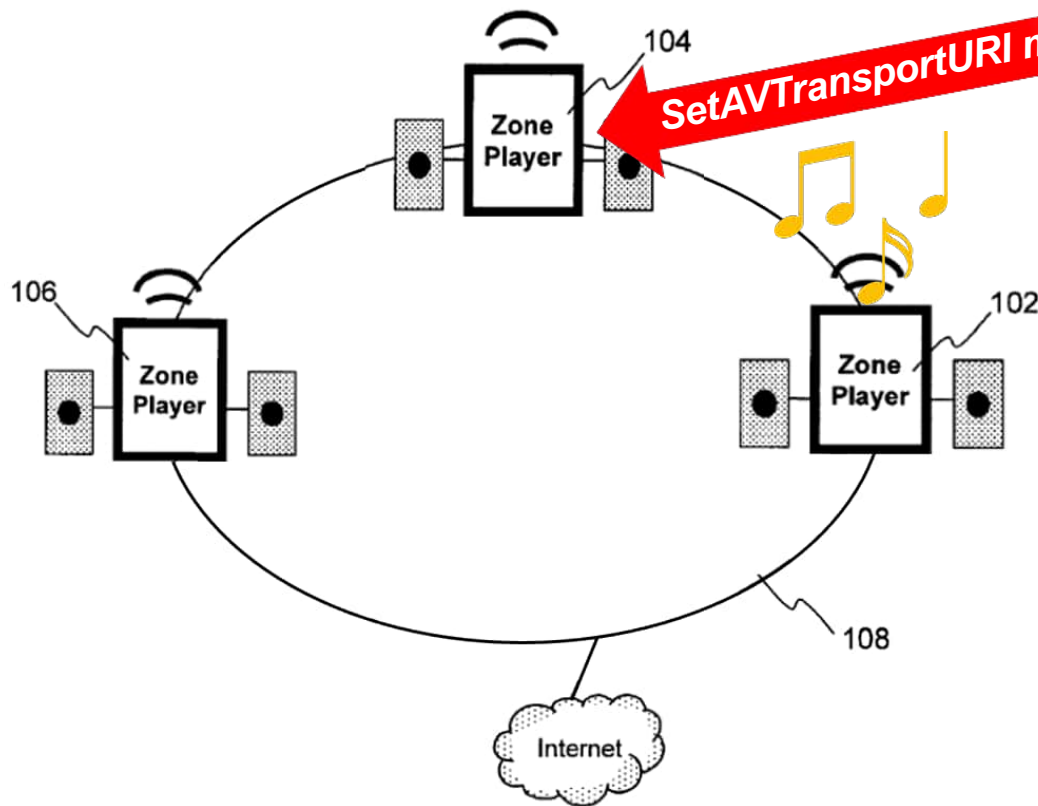
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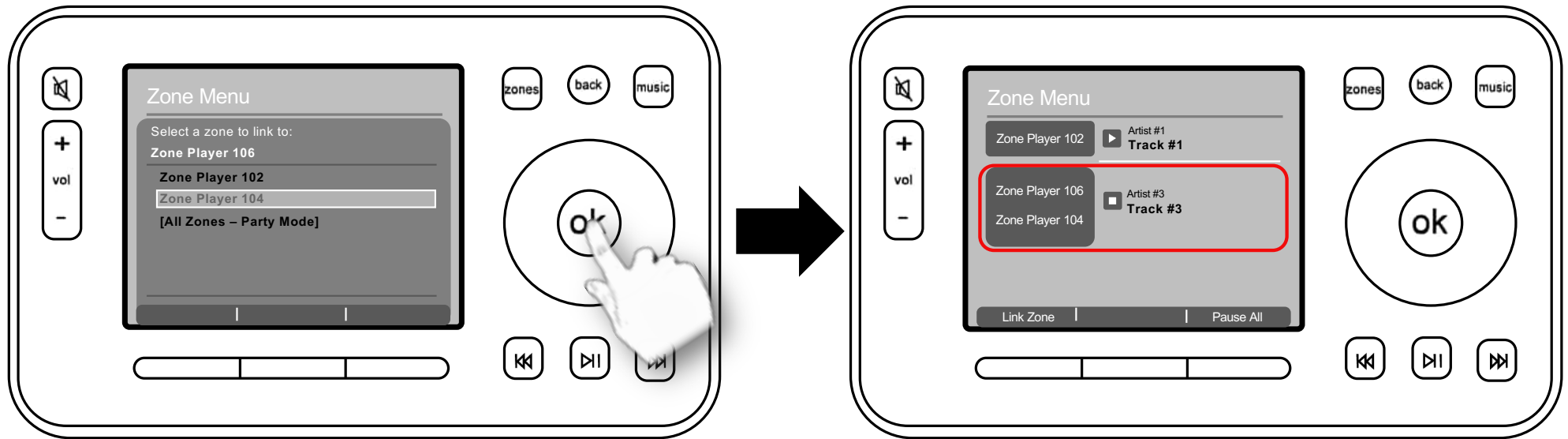


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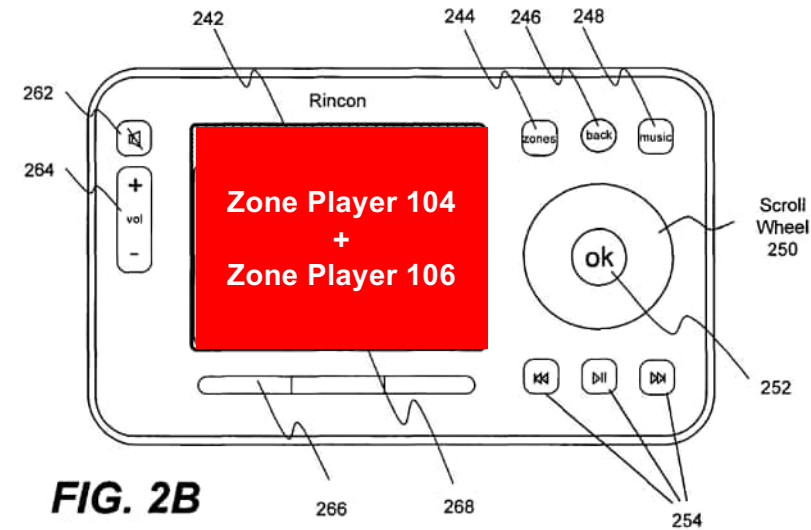
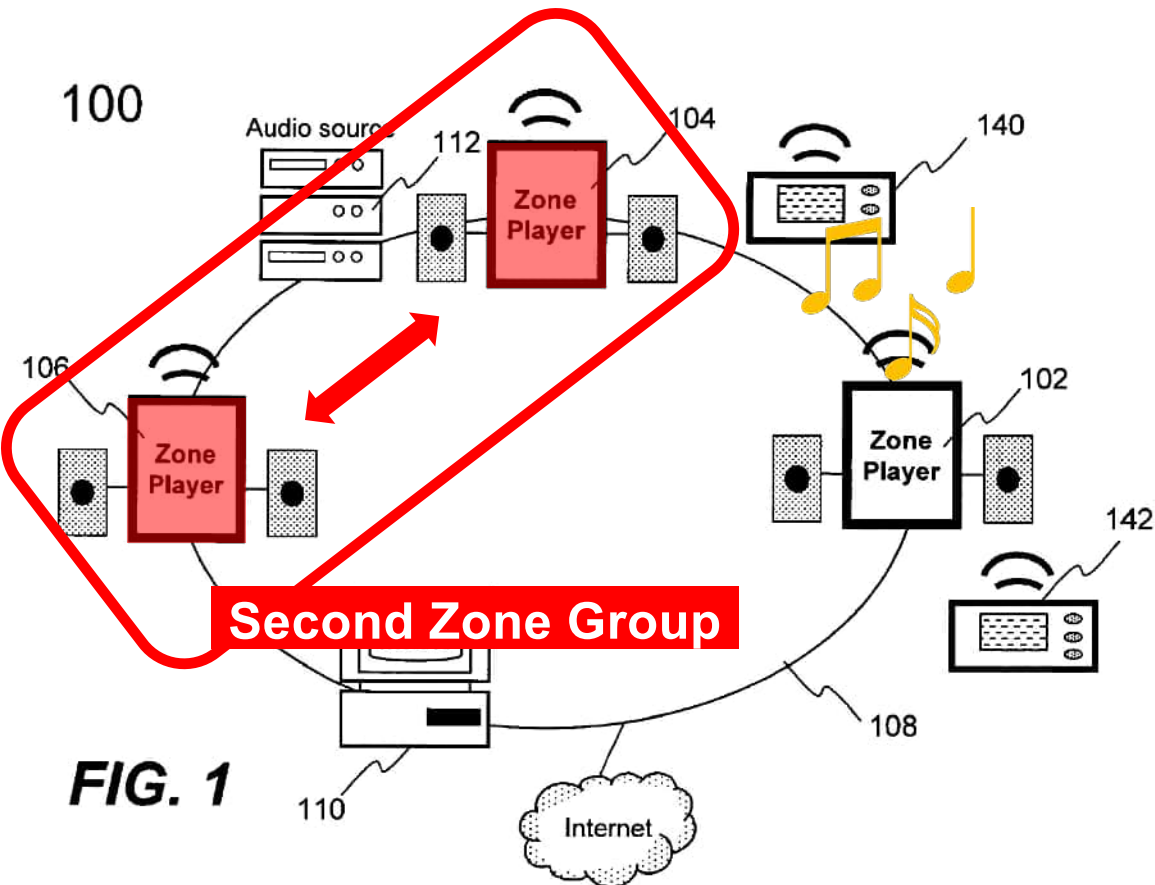


**Second Zone Group**  
**Zone Player 106 + Zone Player 104**

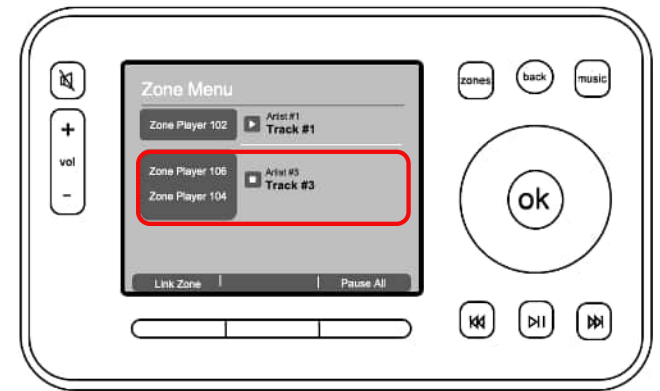
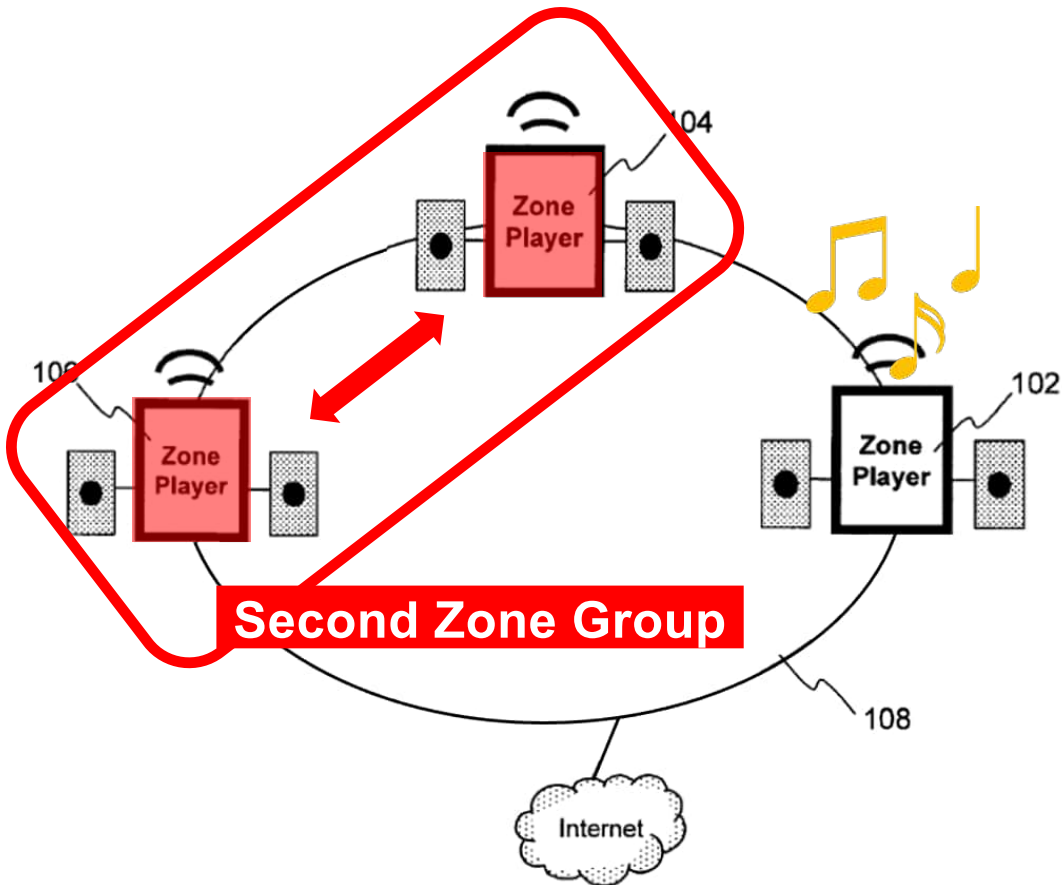
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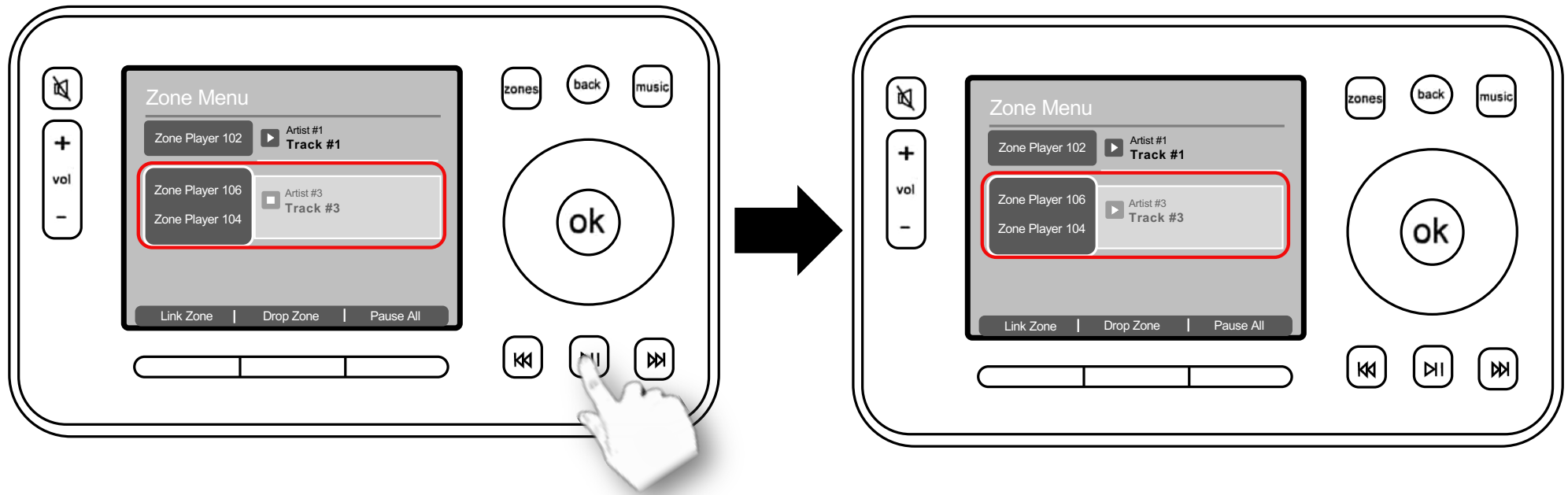
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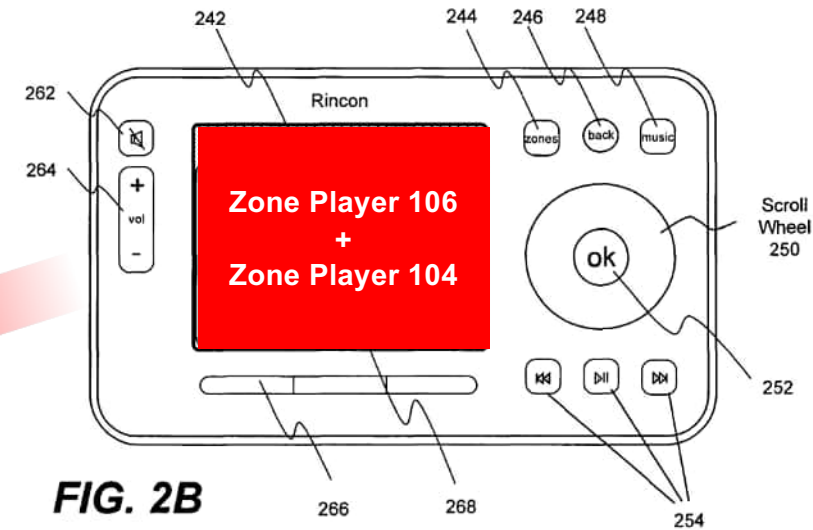
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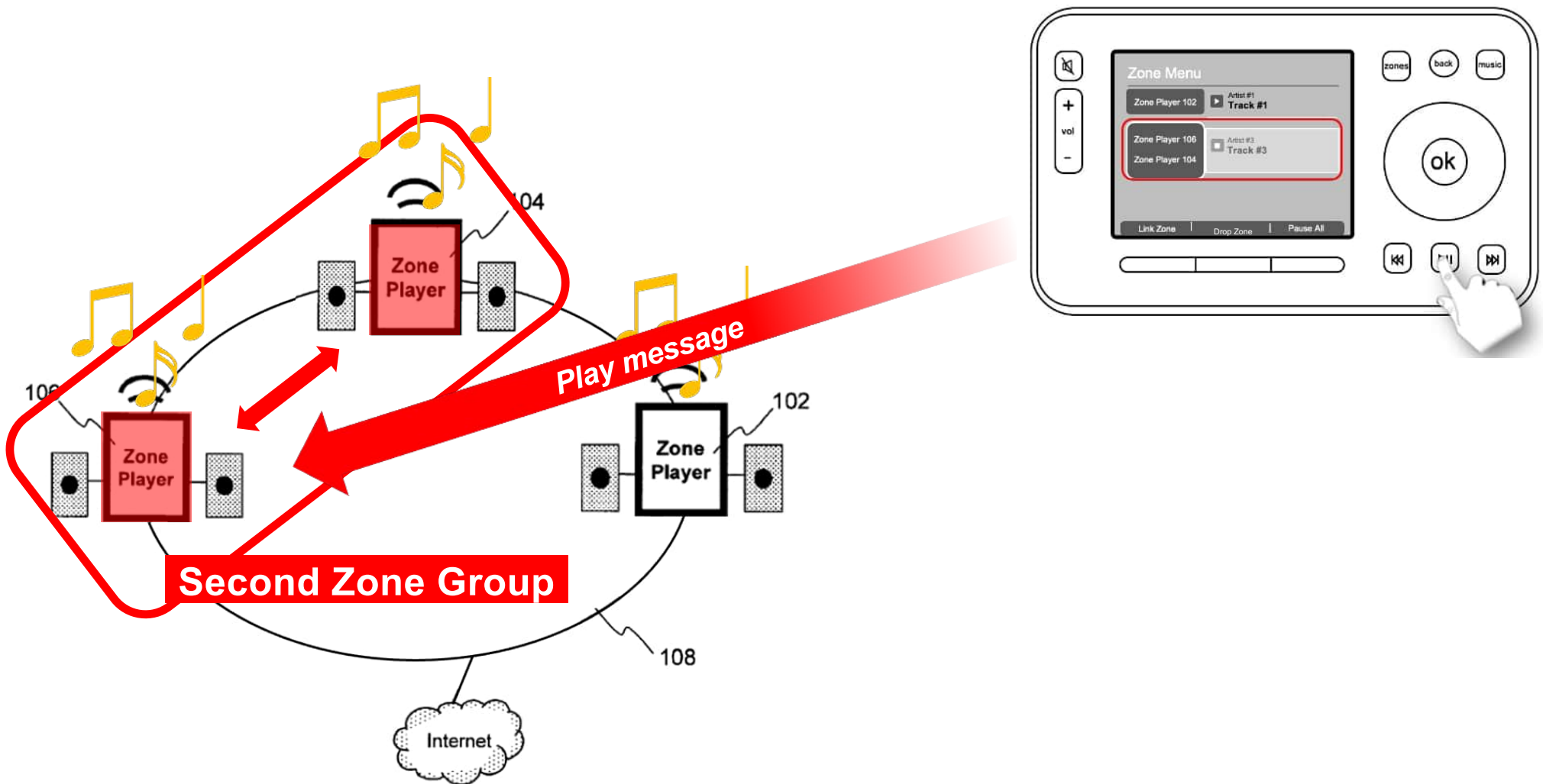
Diagram illustrating a networked audio system (FIG. 1). An audio source (100) is connected to a first zone player (104) and a second zone player (106). The second zone player (106) is part of a "Second Zone Group" (108). A "Play message" (112) is sent from the first zone player (104) to the second zone player (106). The system is connected to an Internet (110) via a router (102). A wireless access point (140) is also shown.

**FIG. 2B**

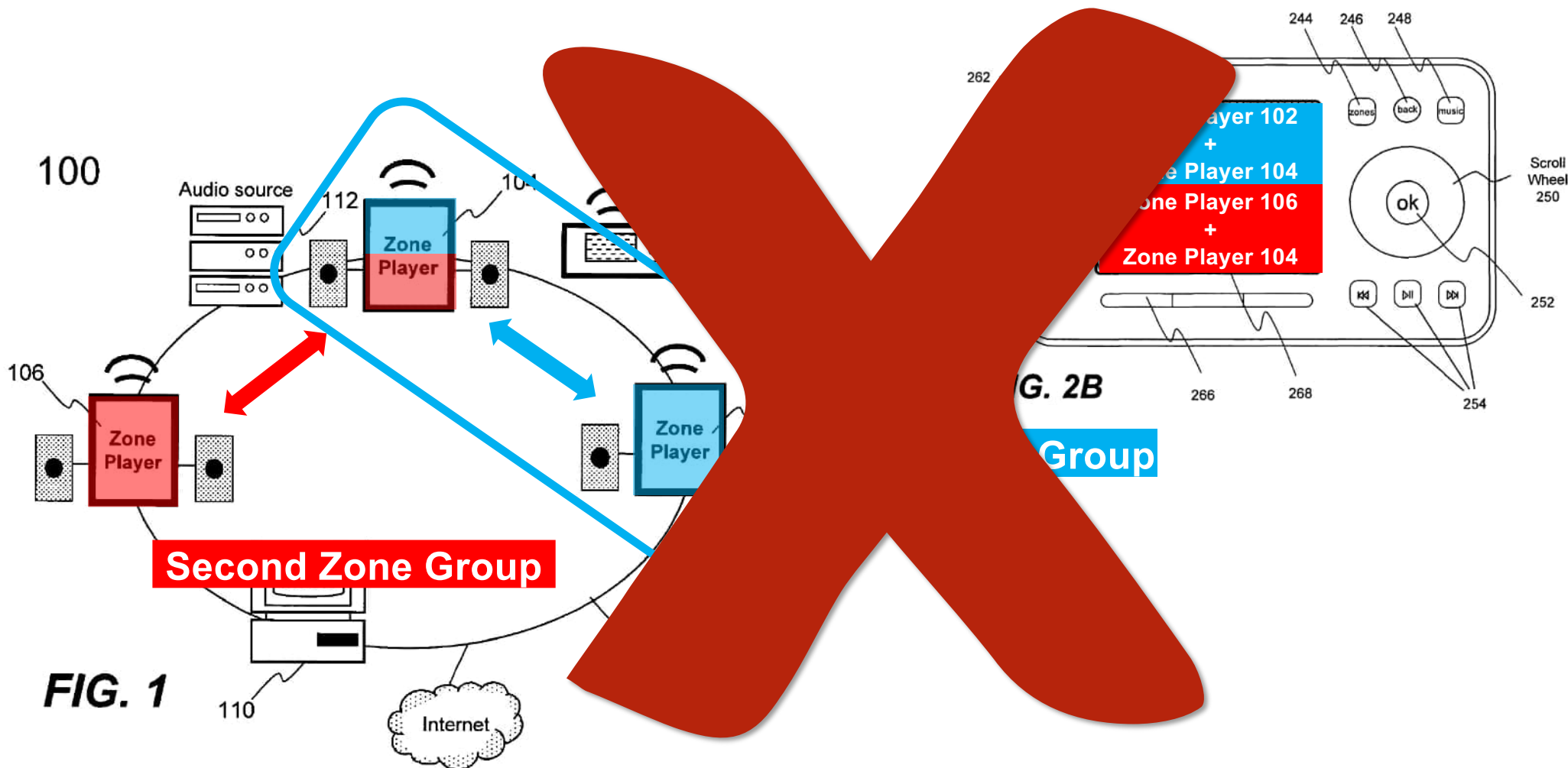




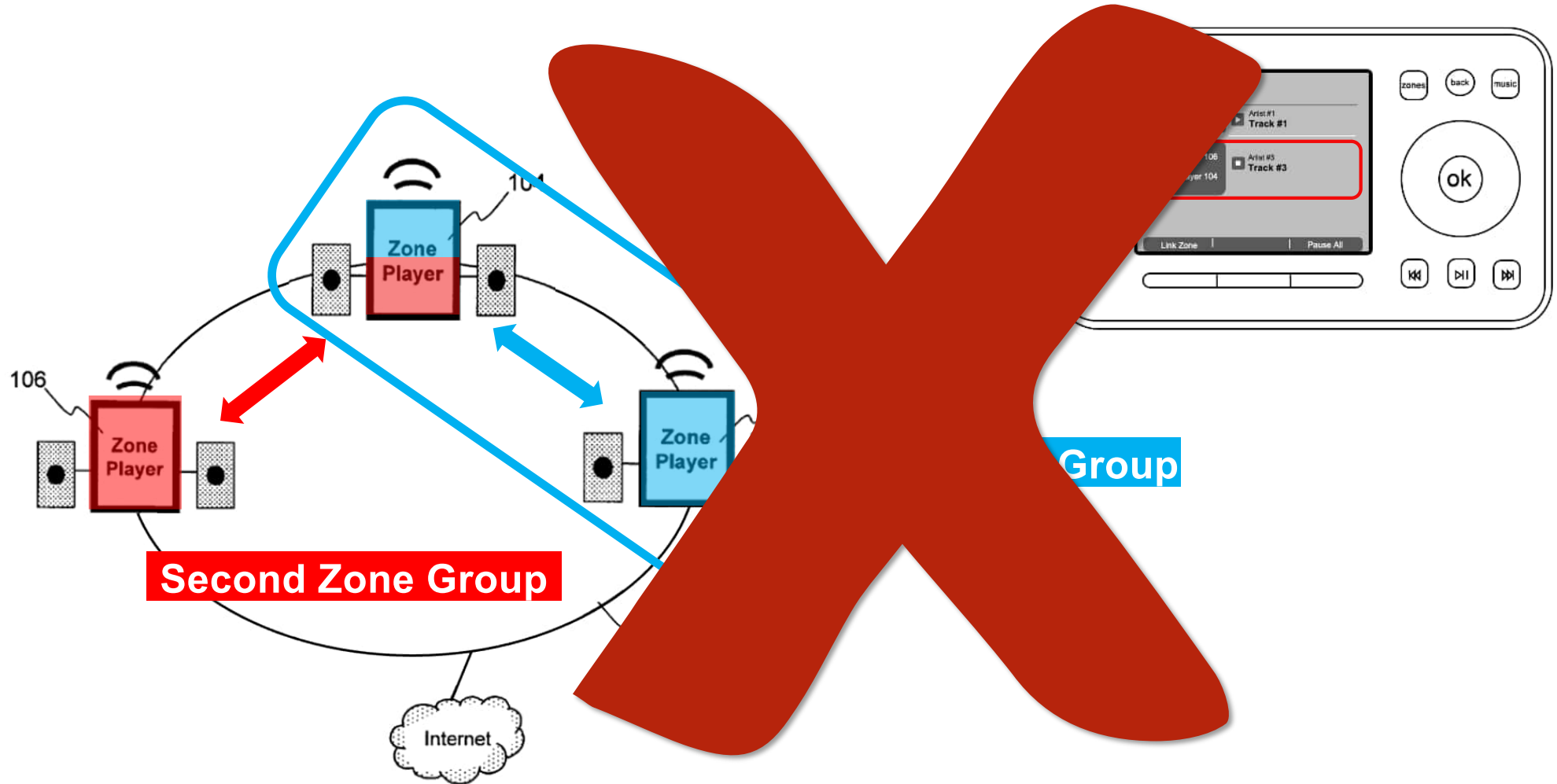
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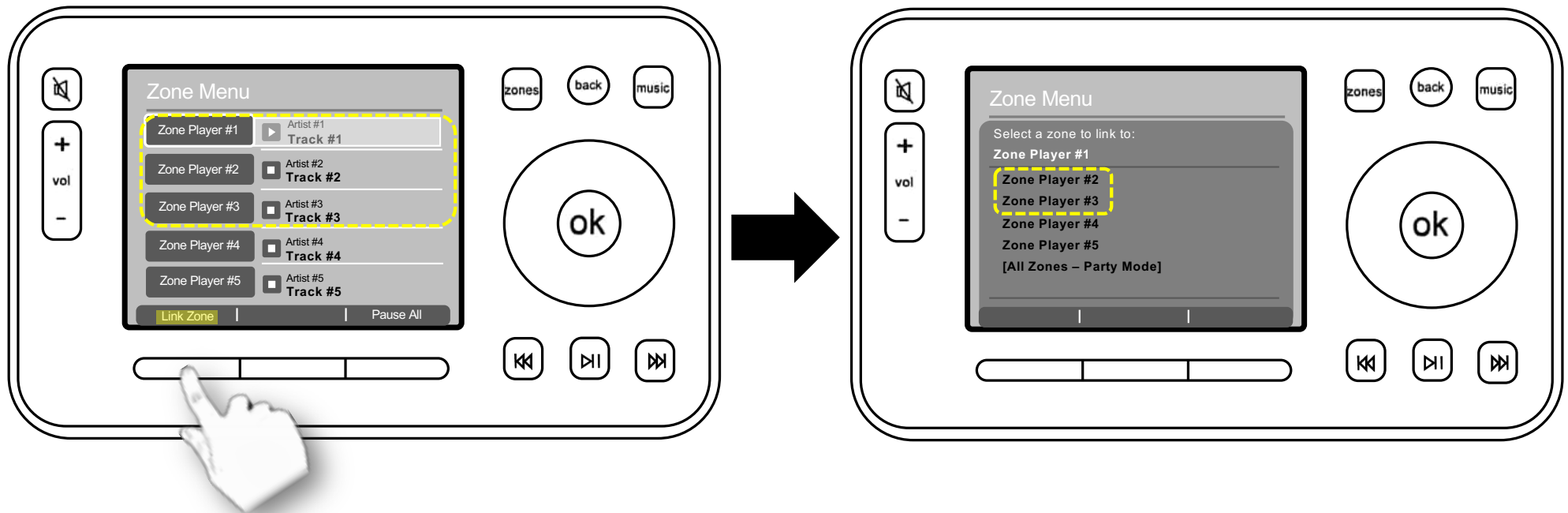
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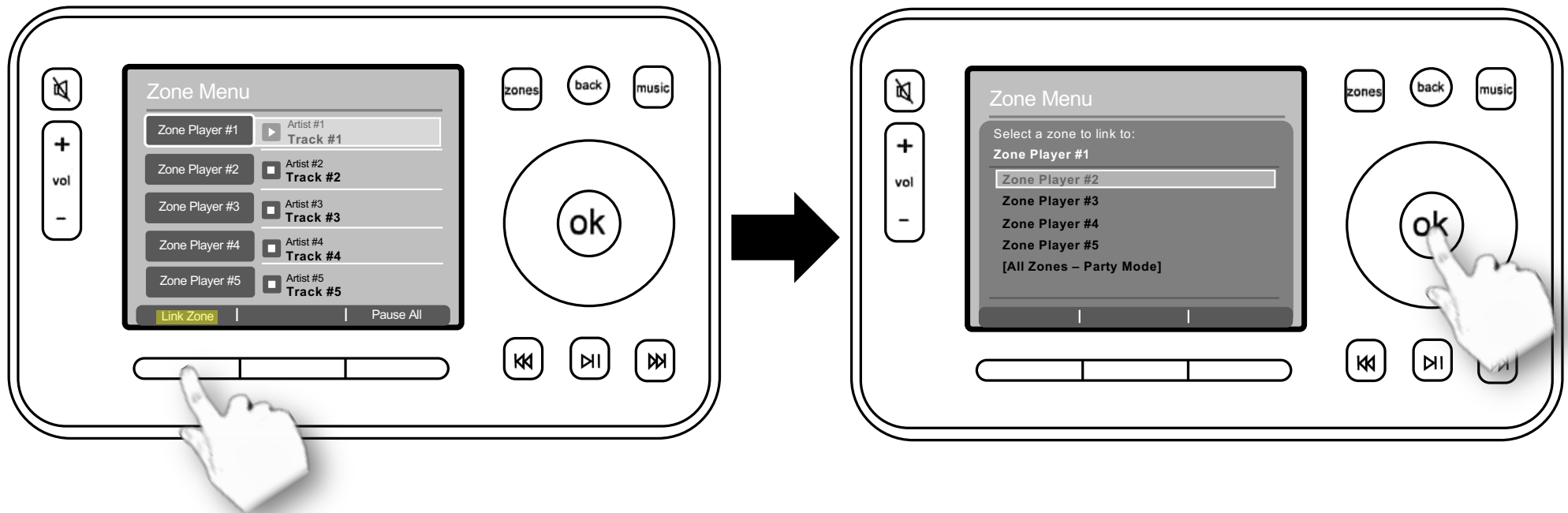
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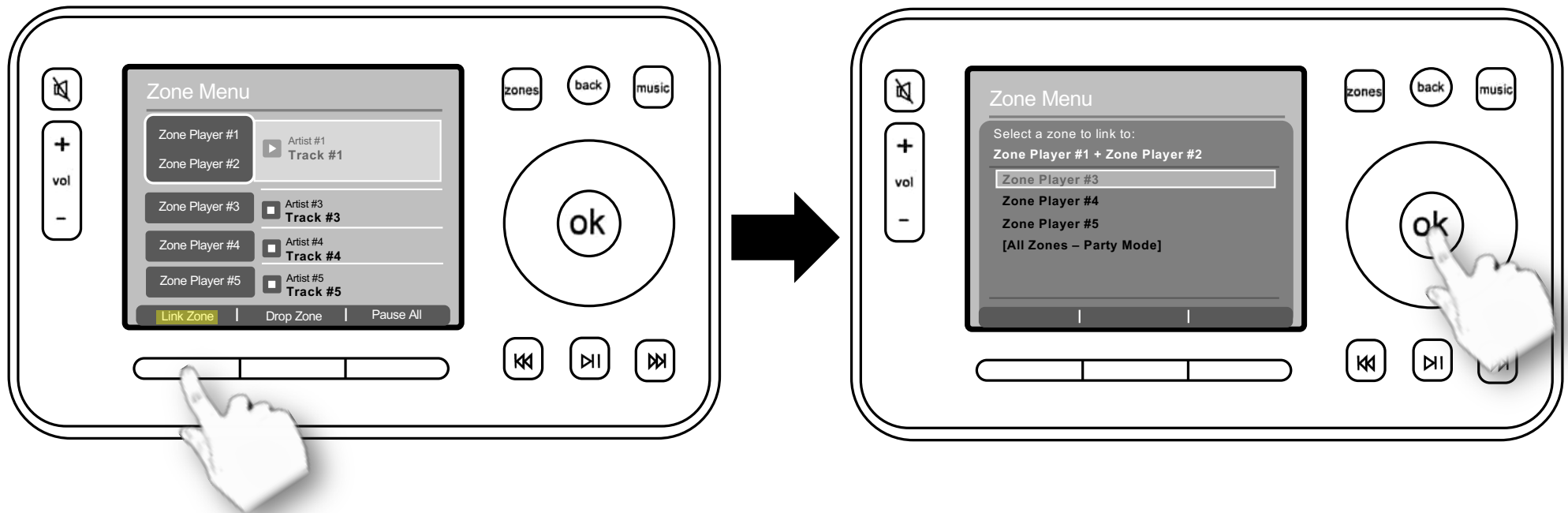
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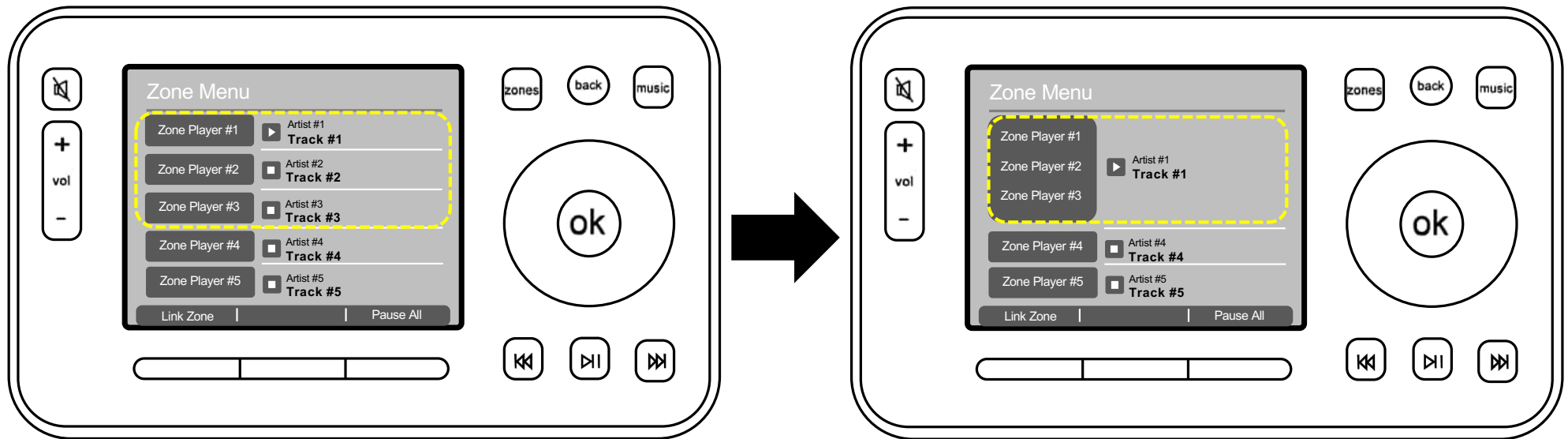
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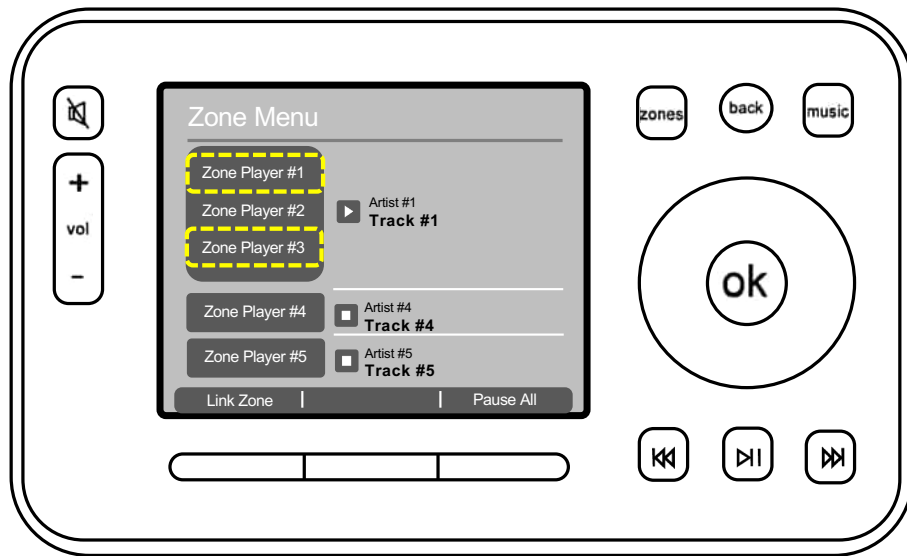
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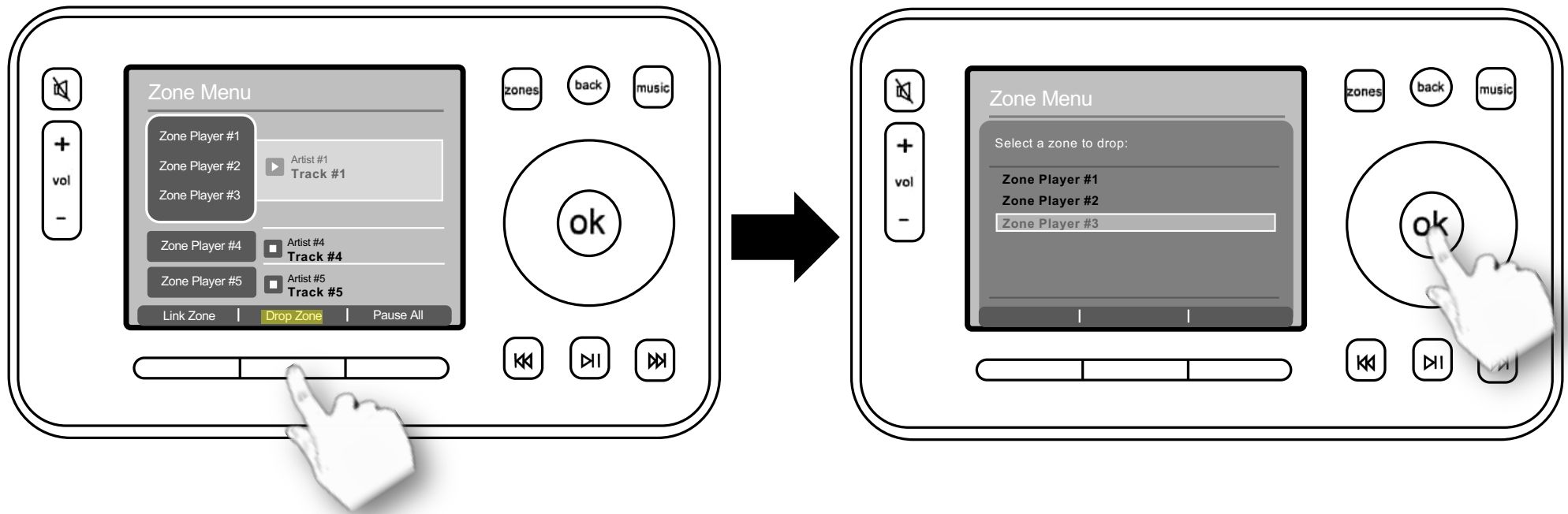


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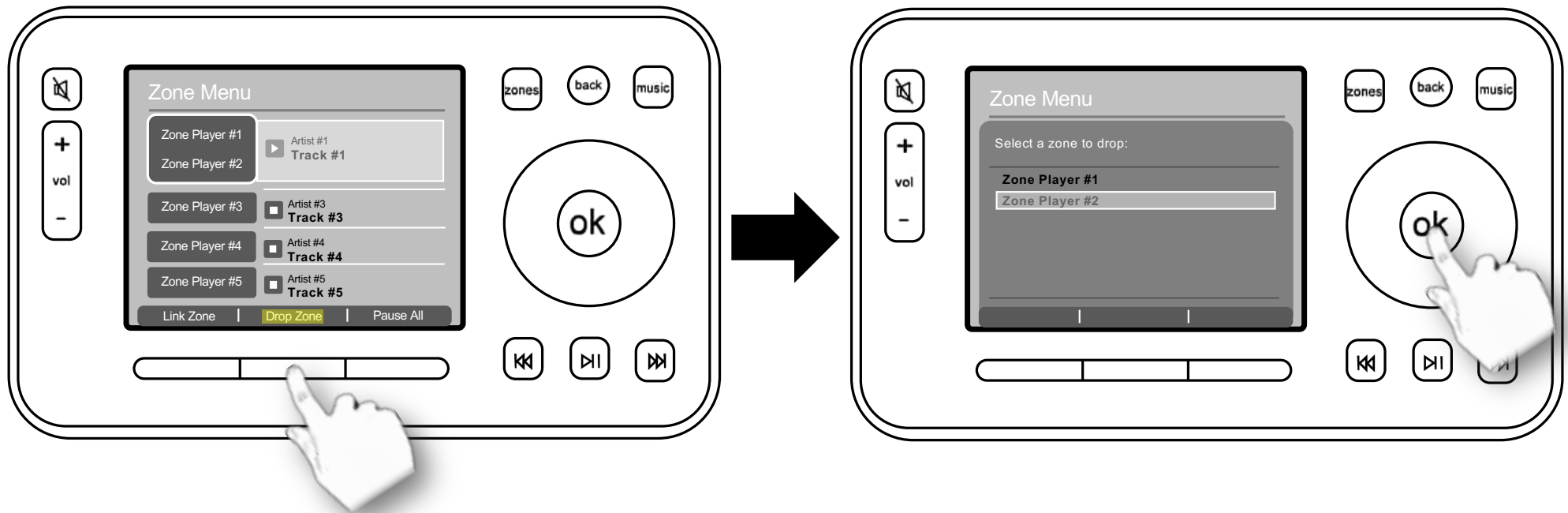




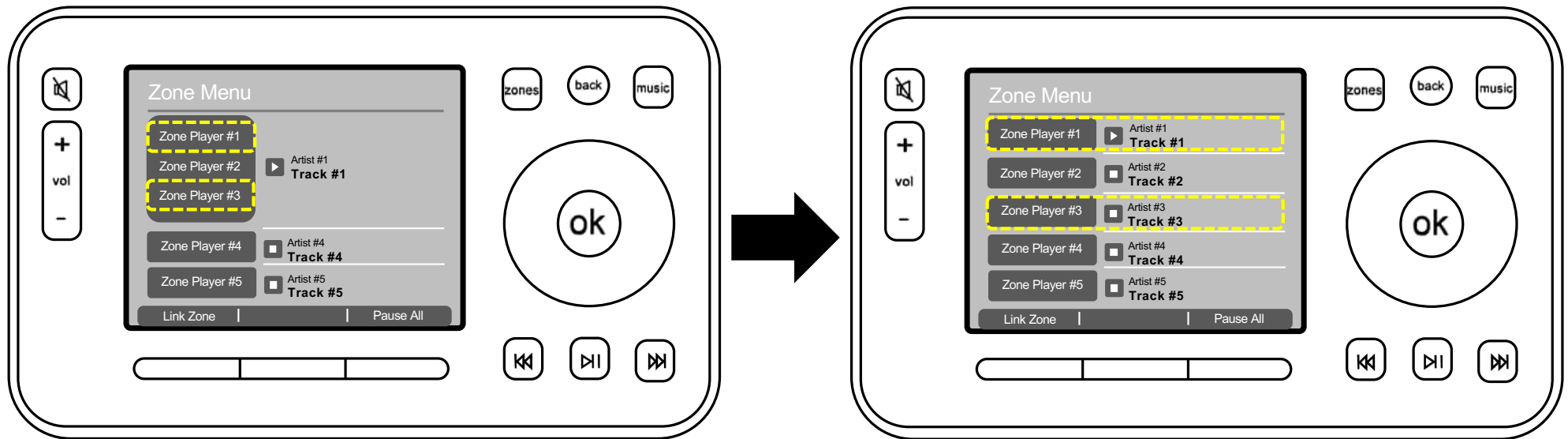
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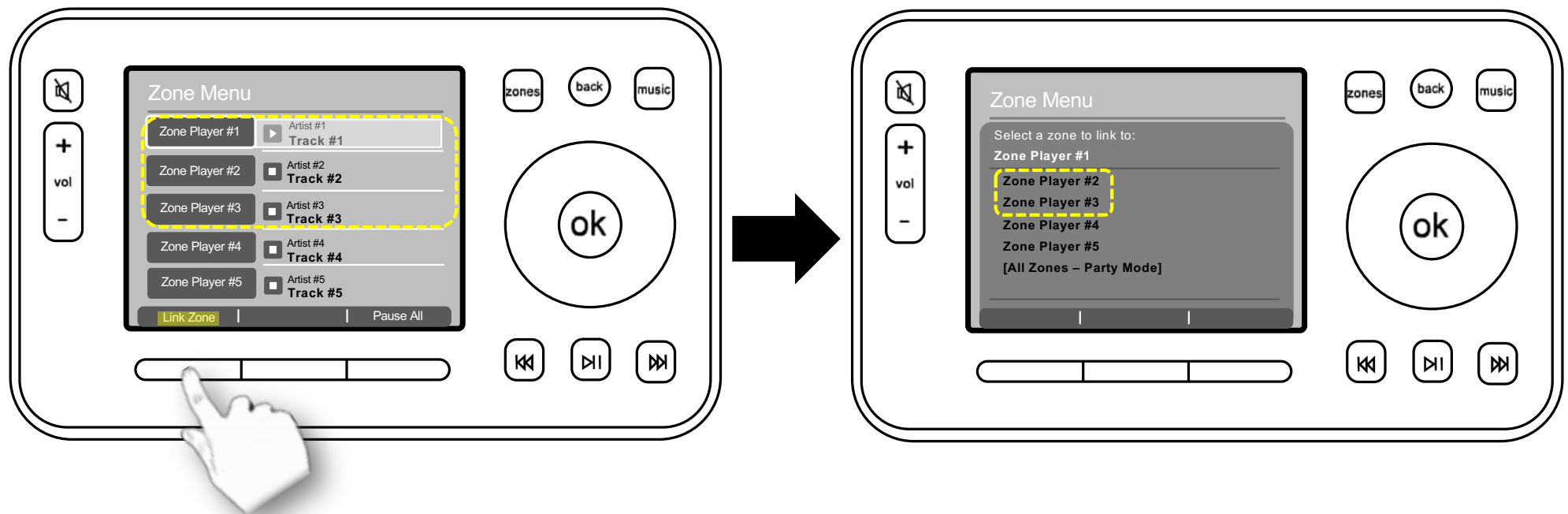
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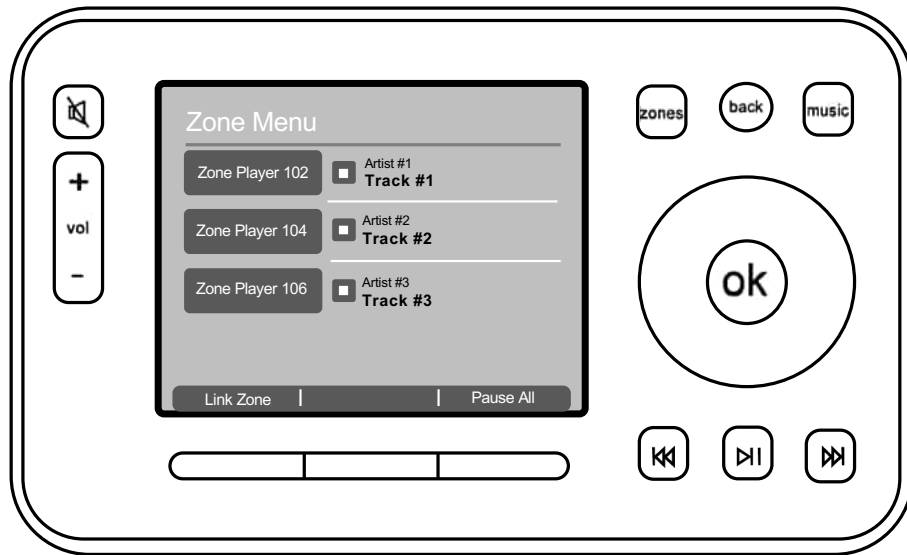
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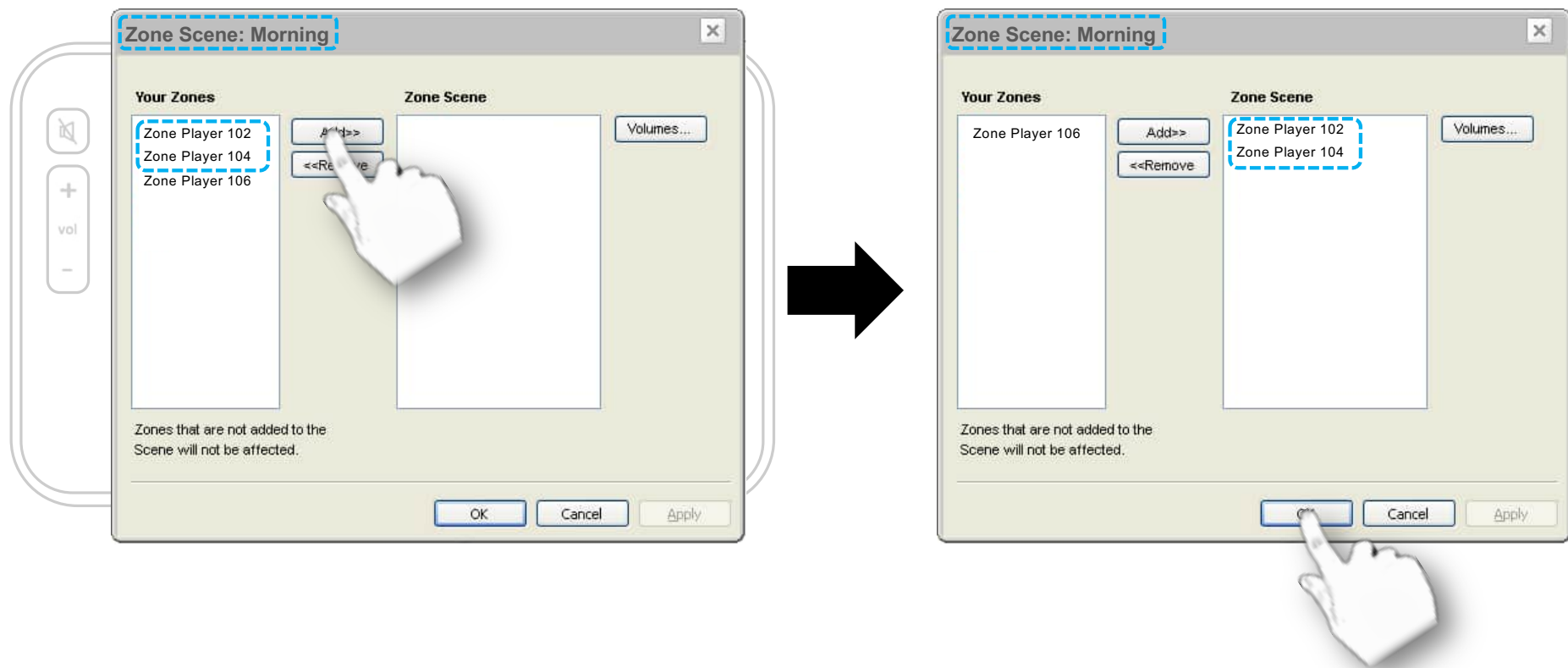
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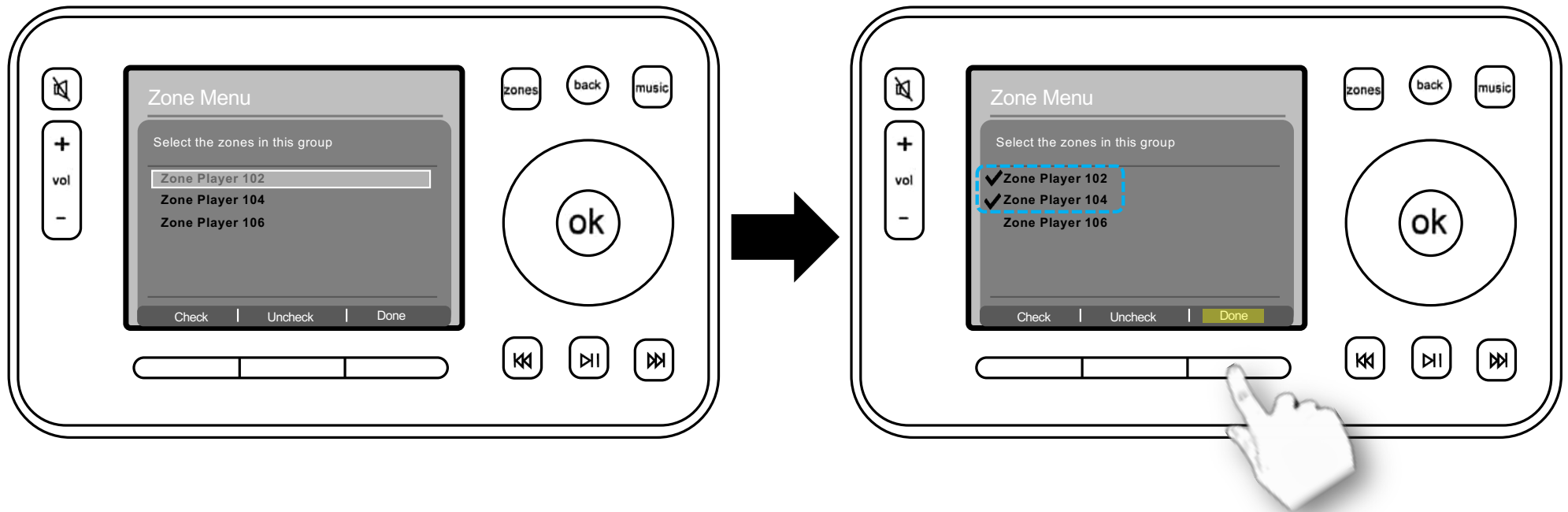
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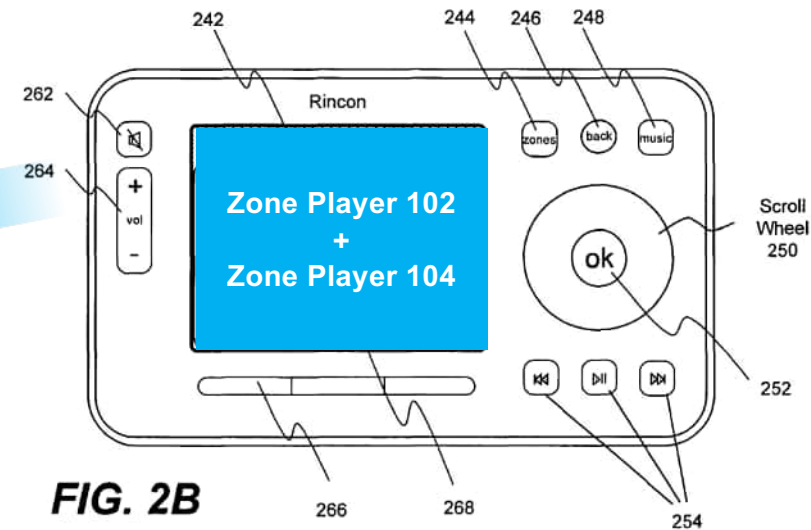
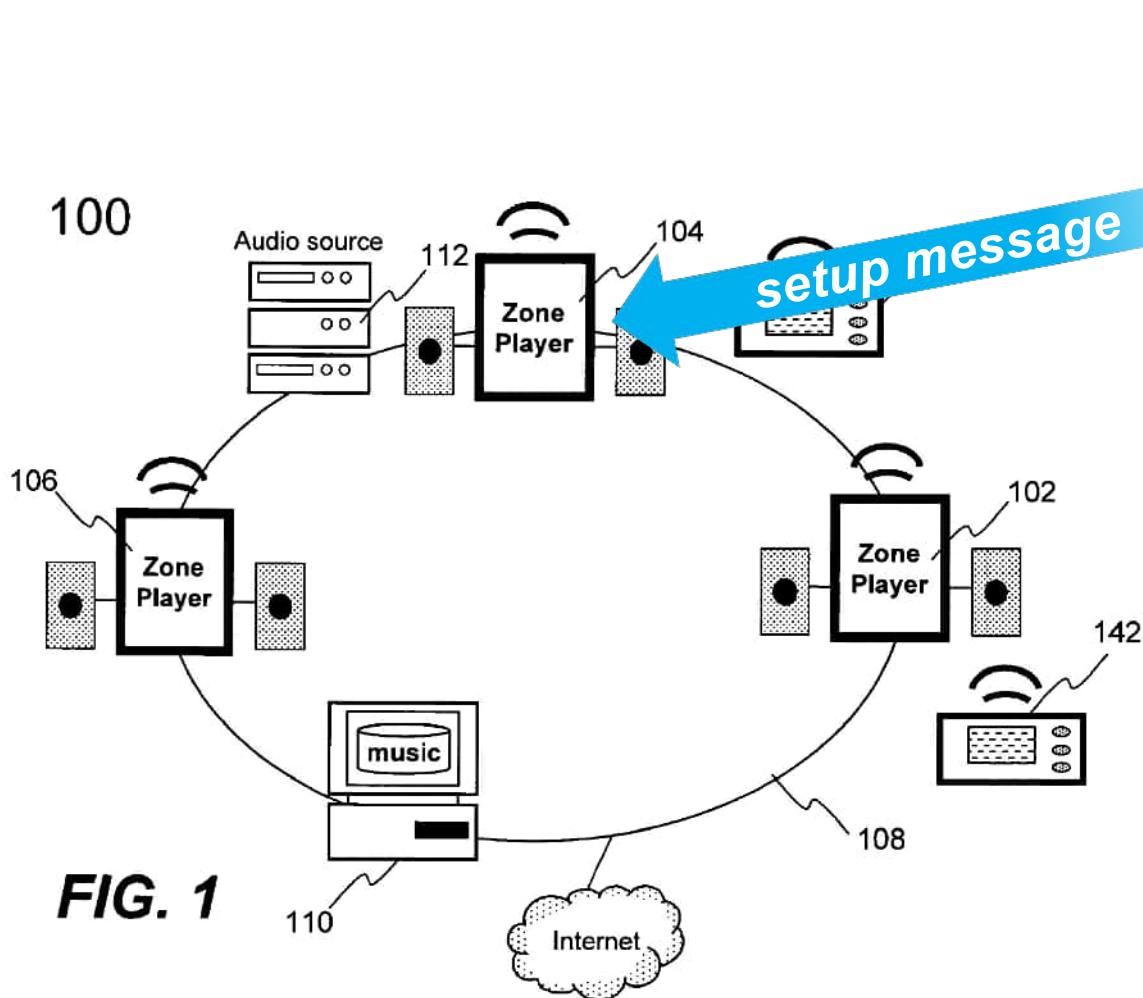
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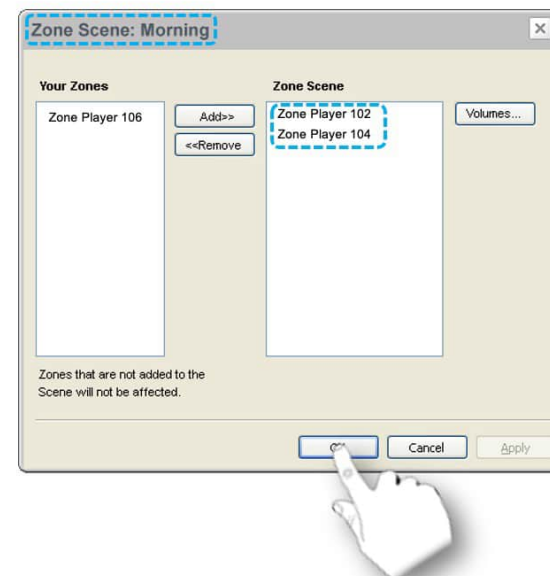
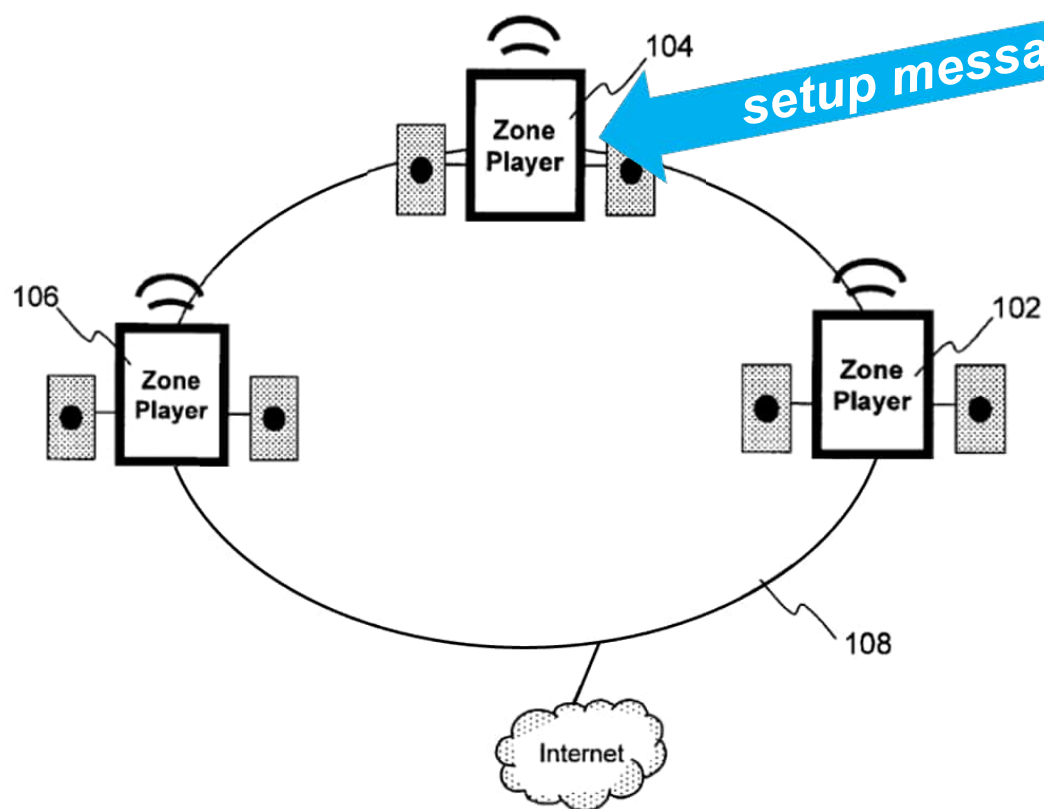


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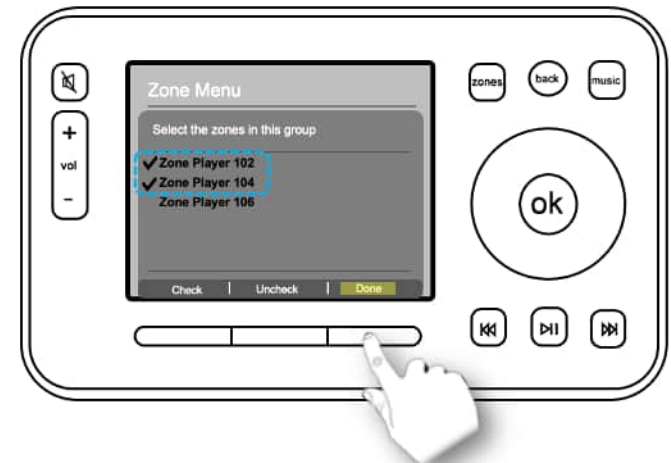
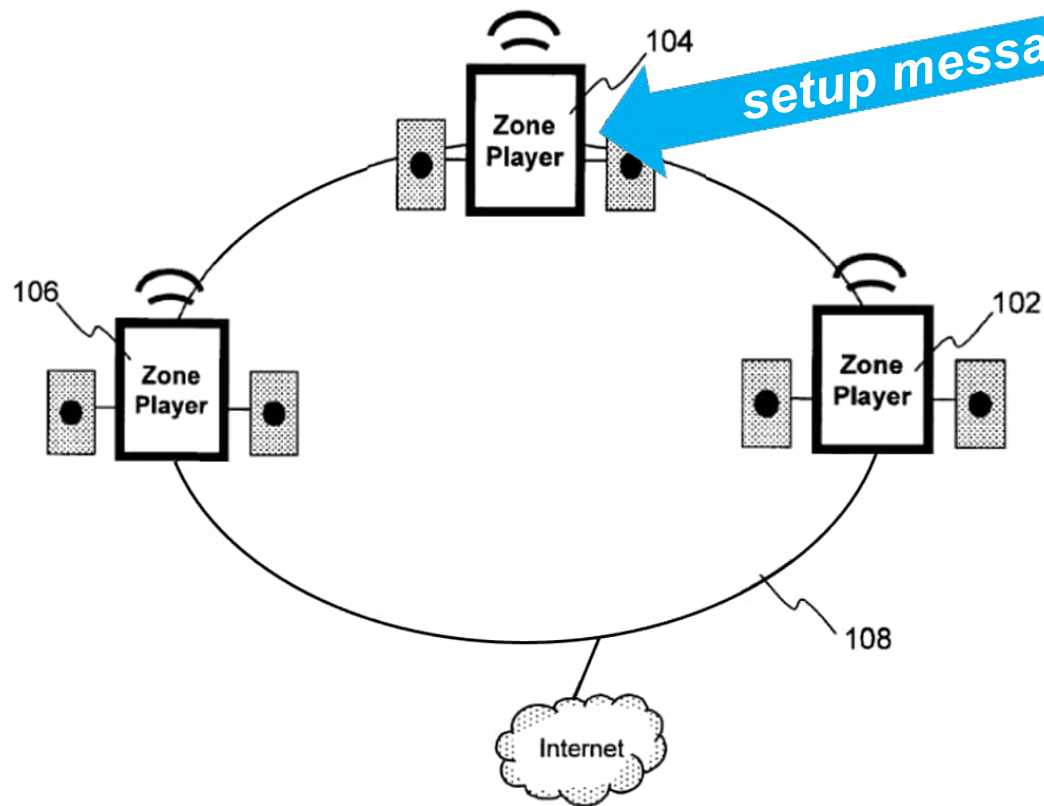




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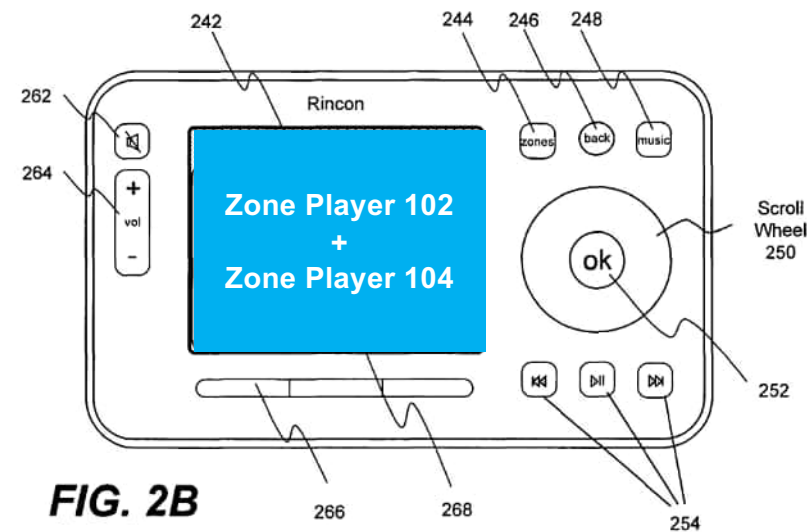
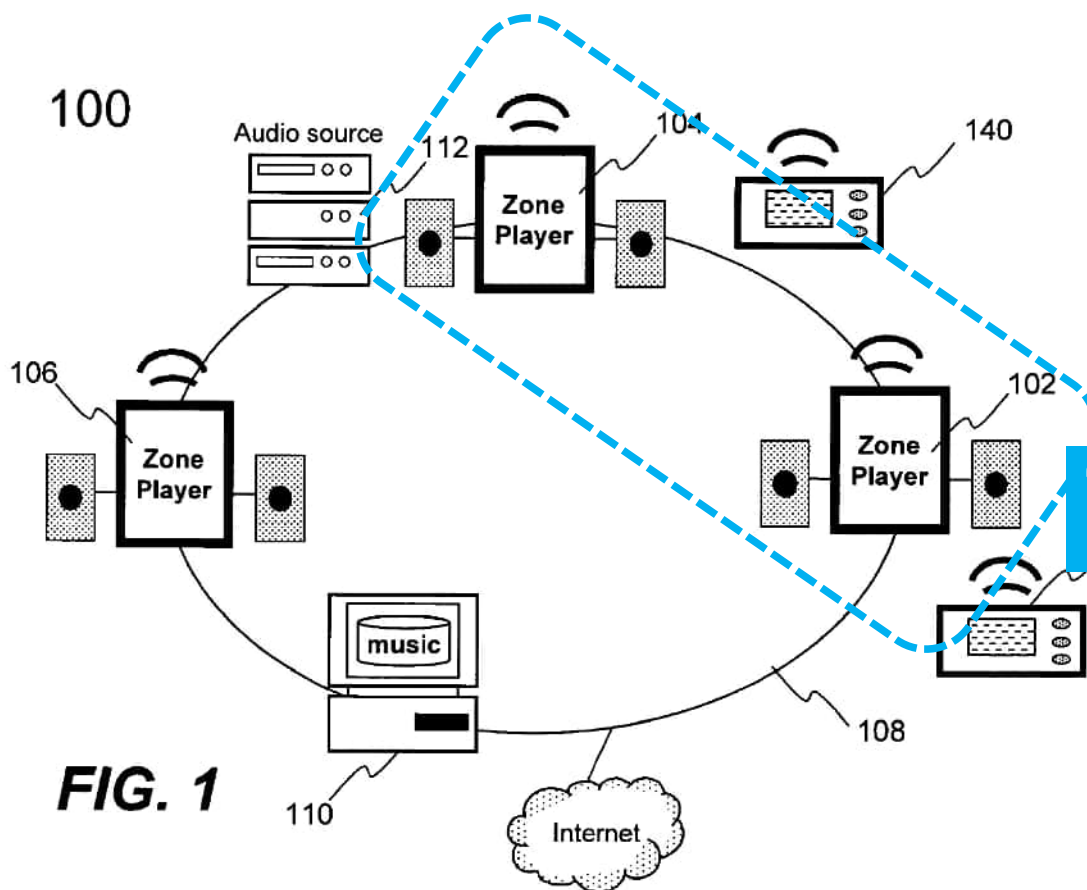


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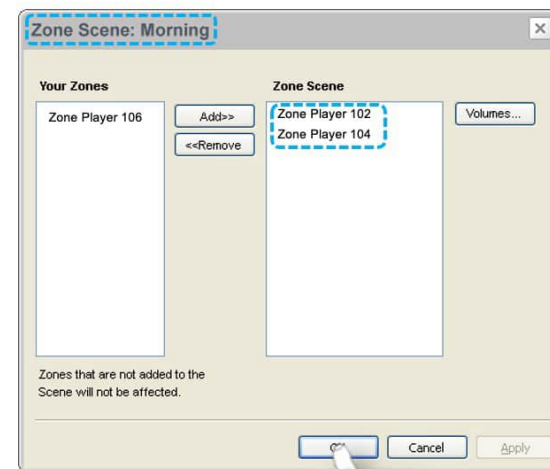
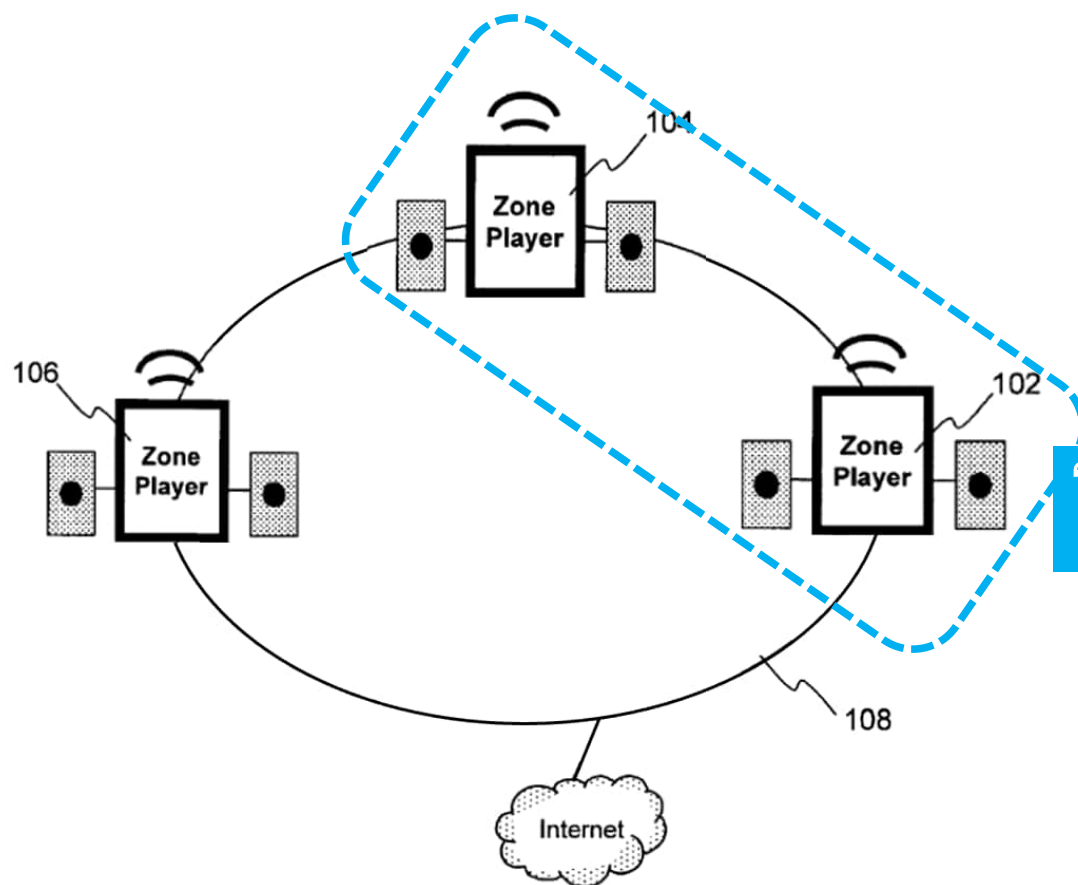
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Zone Player 102 + Zone Player 104

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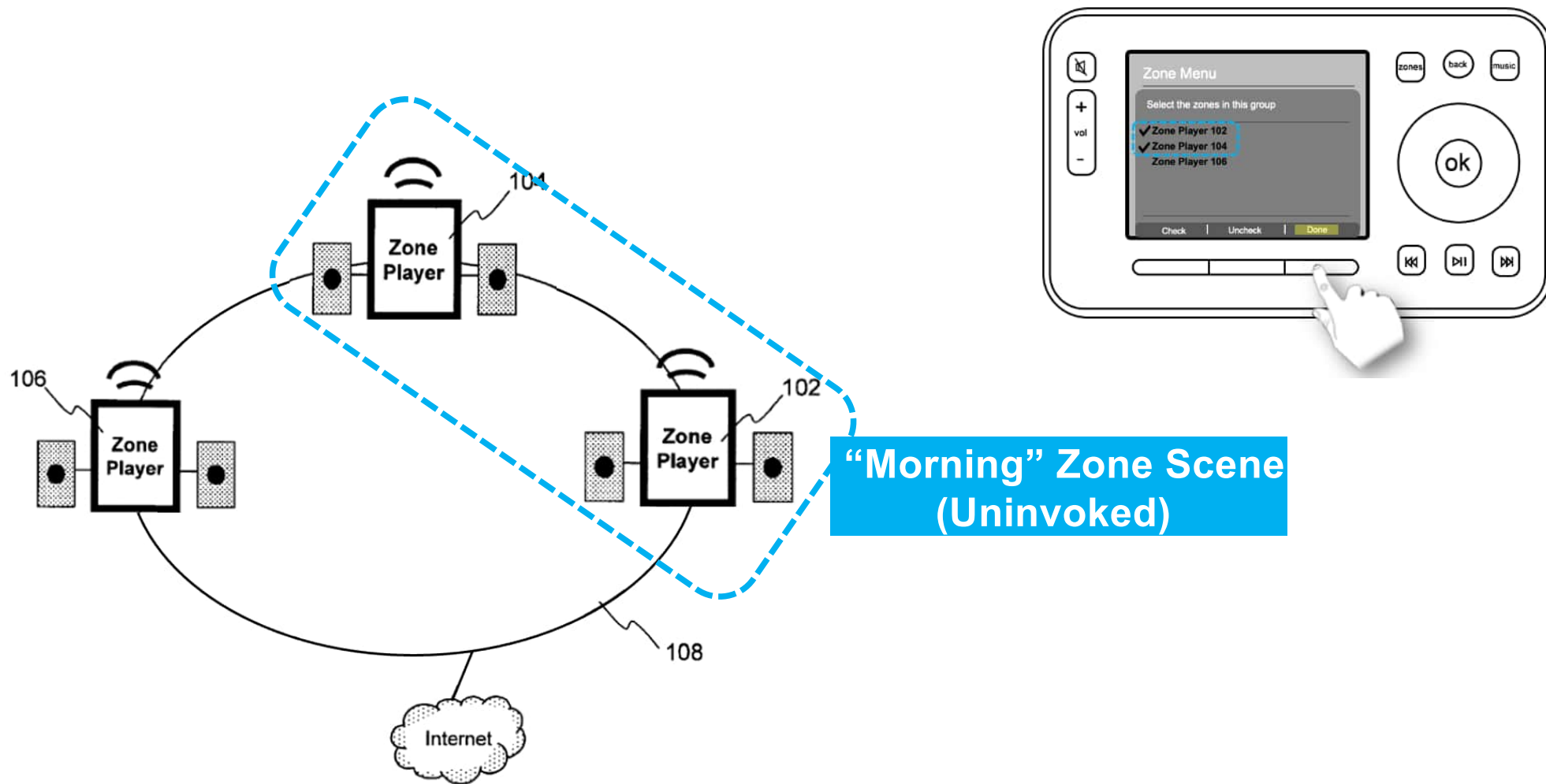
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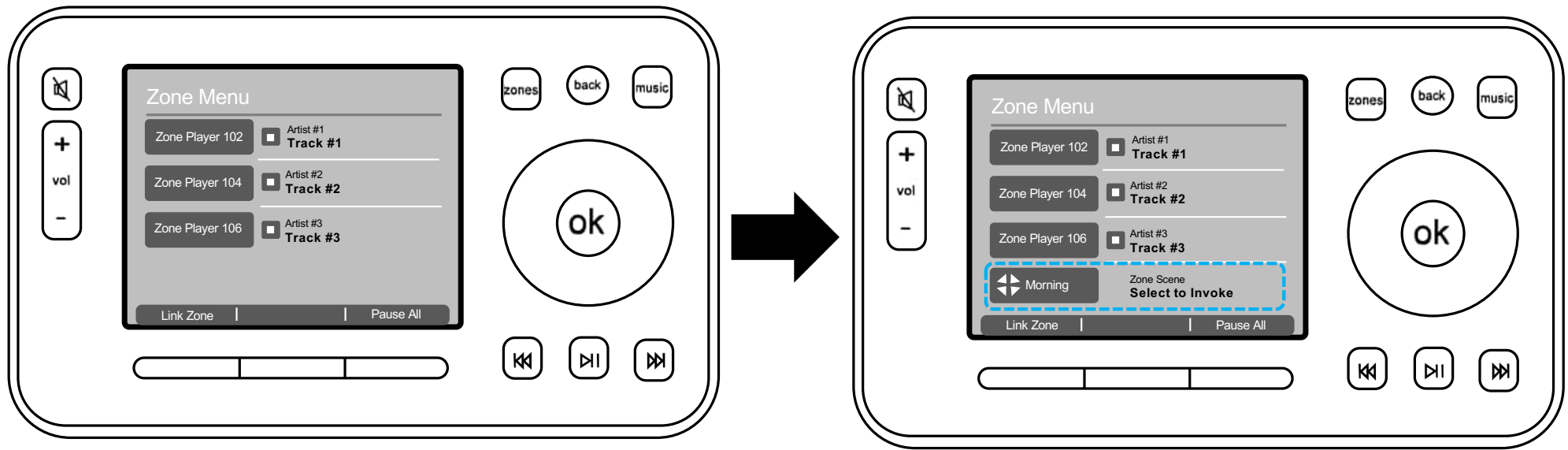


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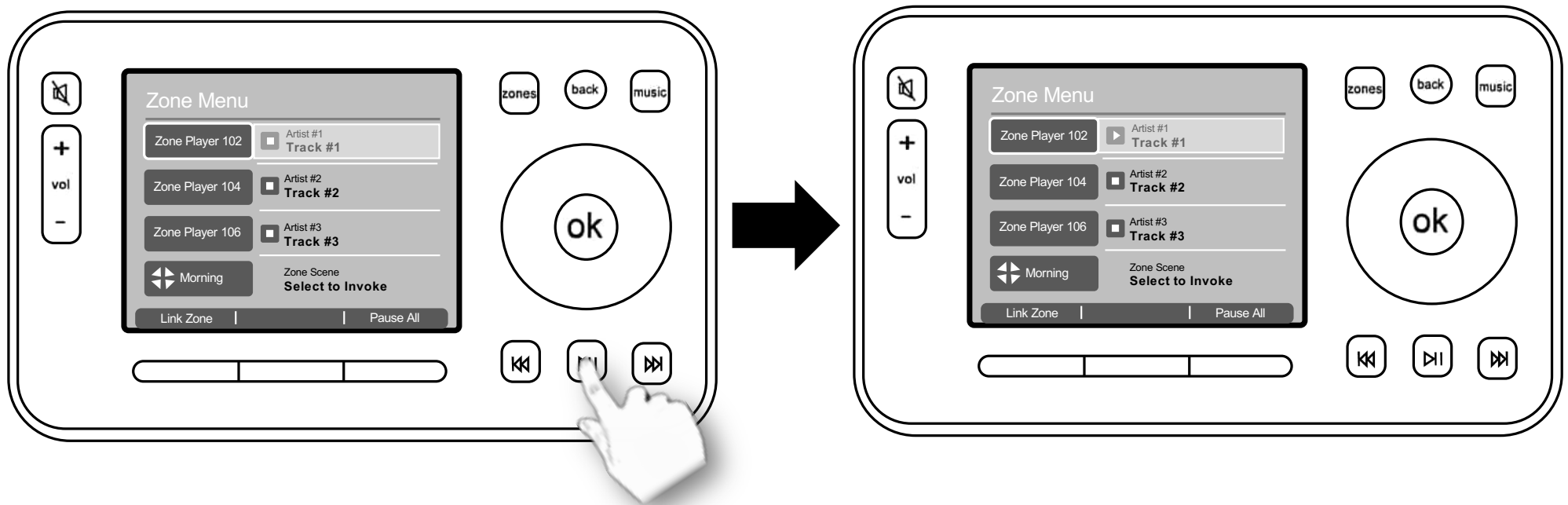
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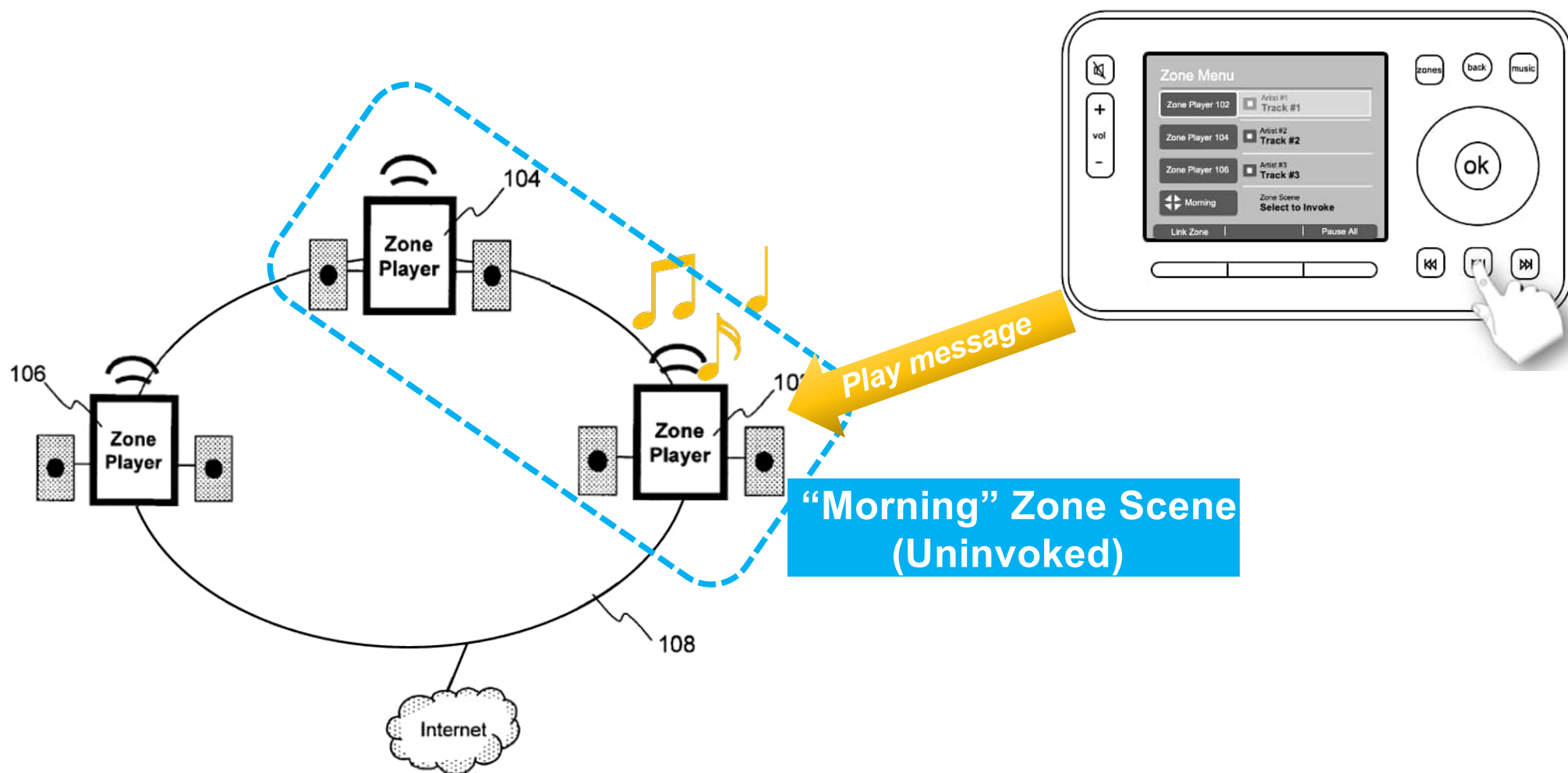
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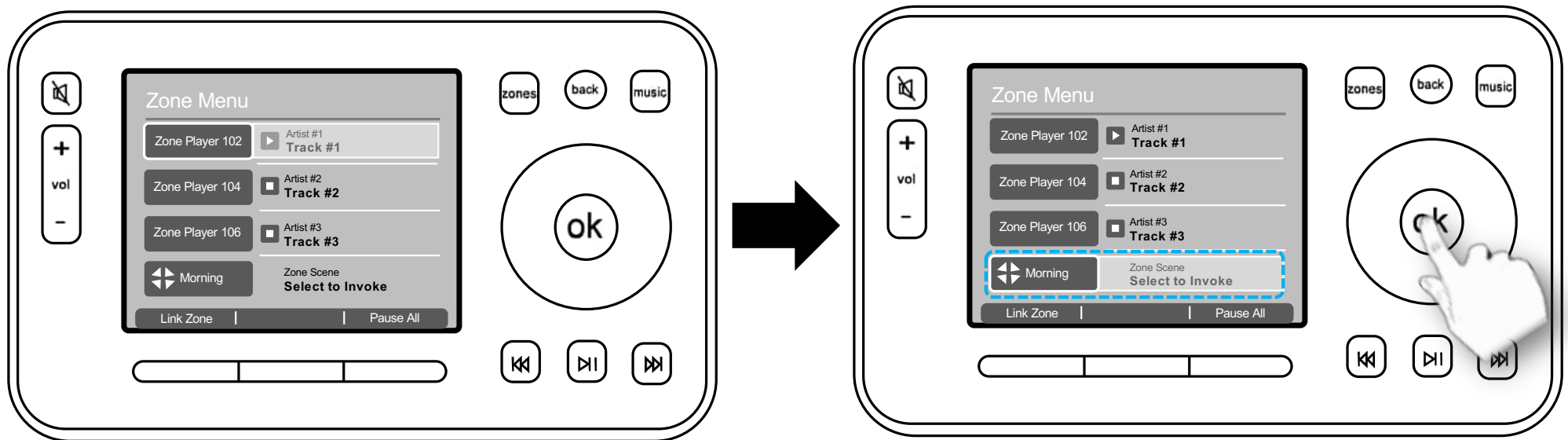


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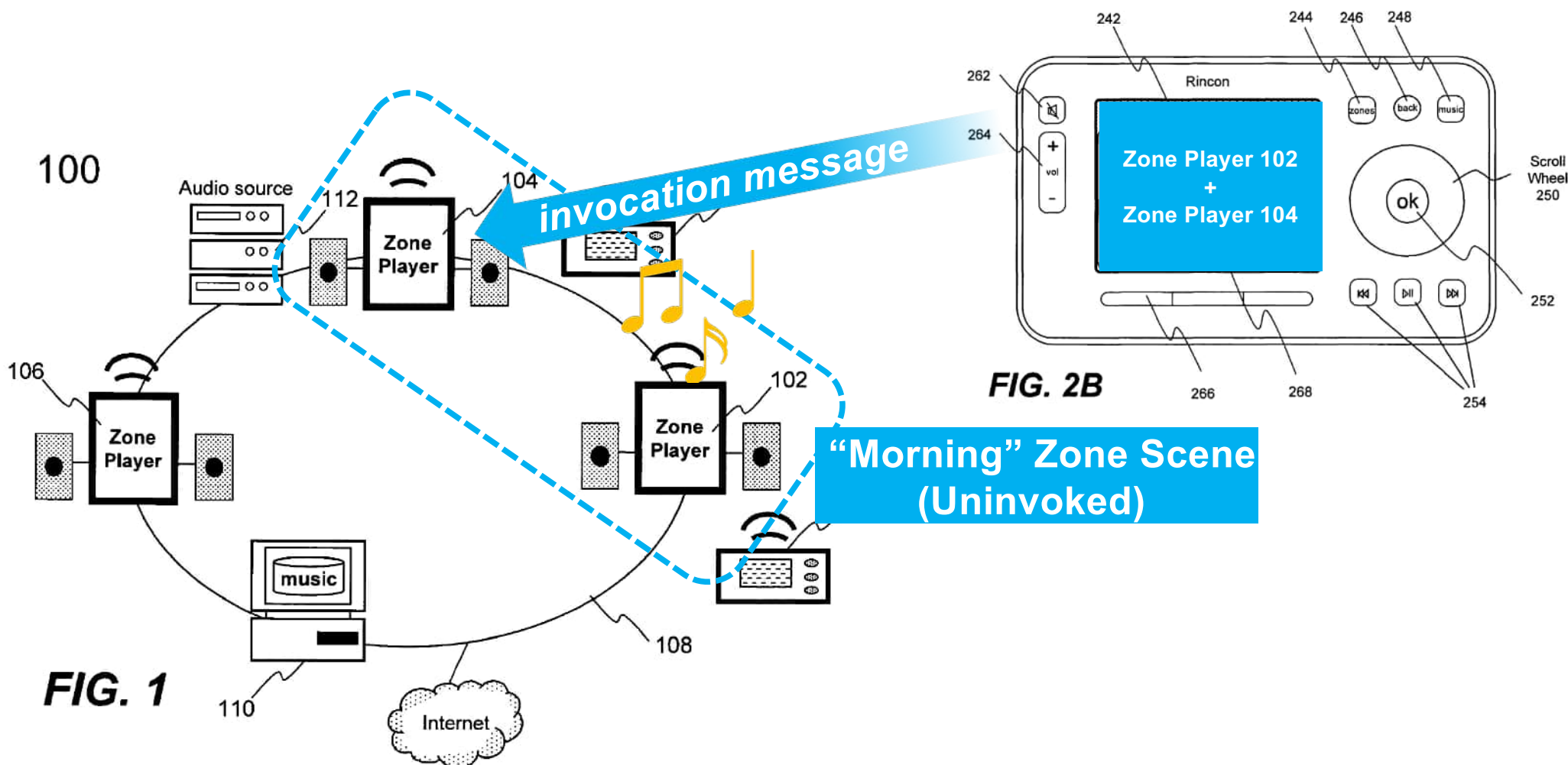




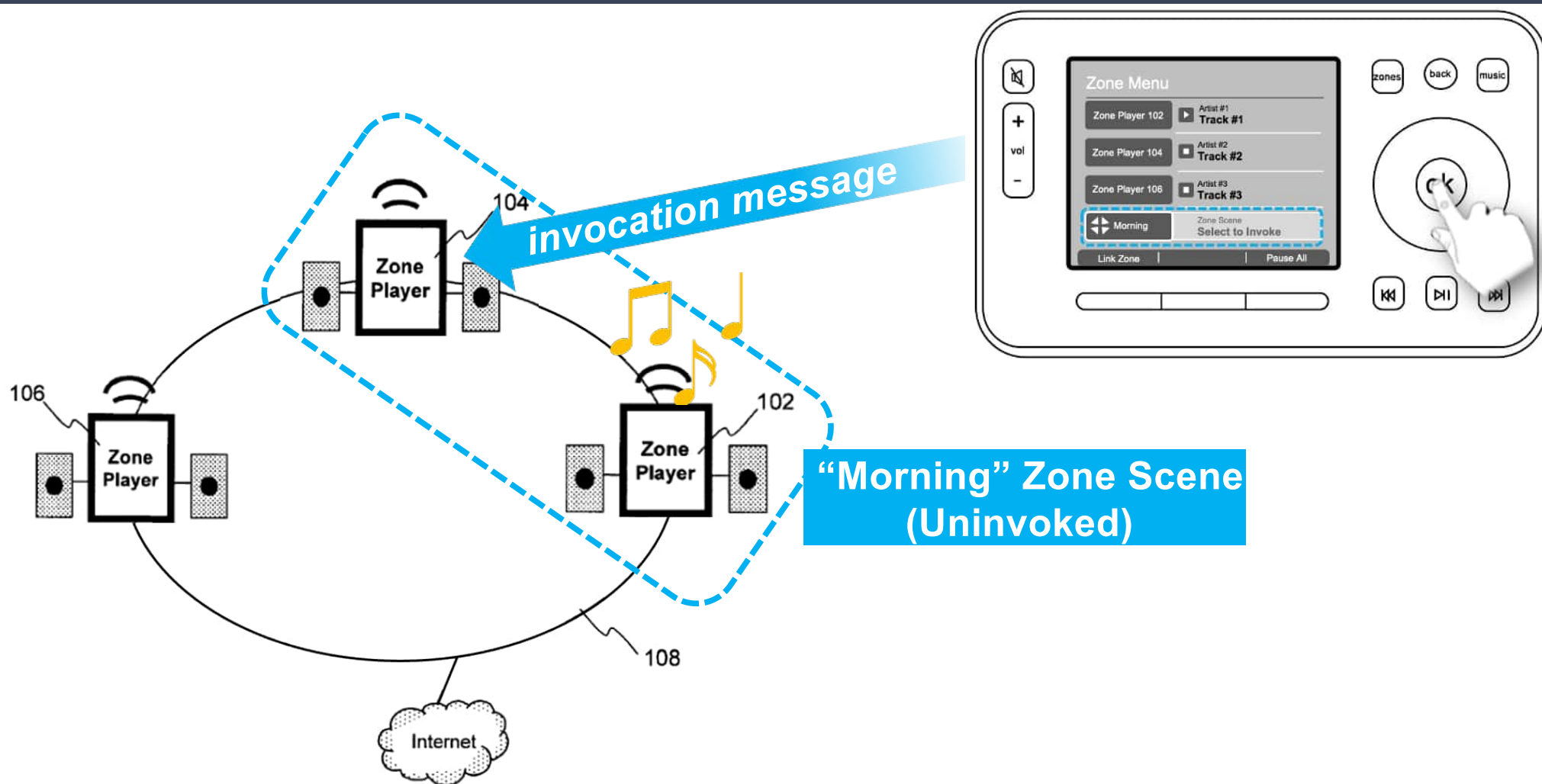
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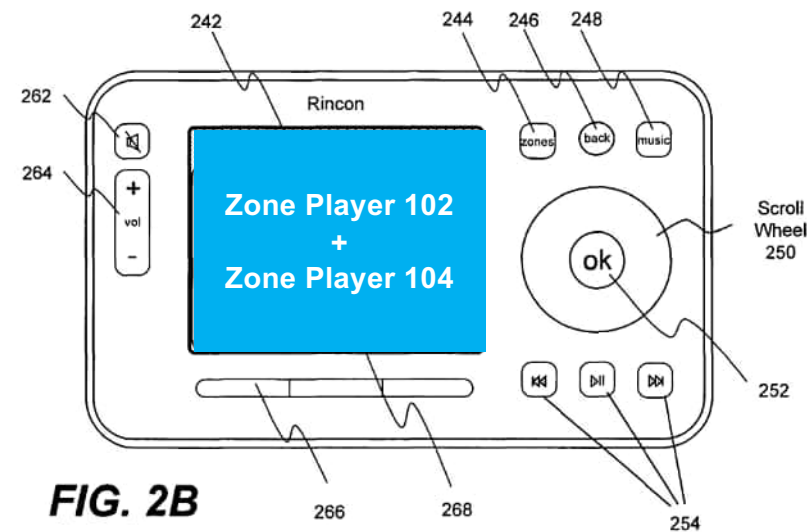
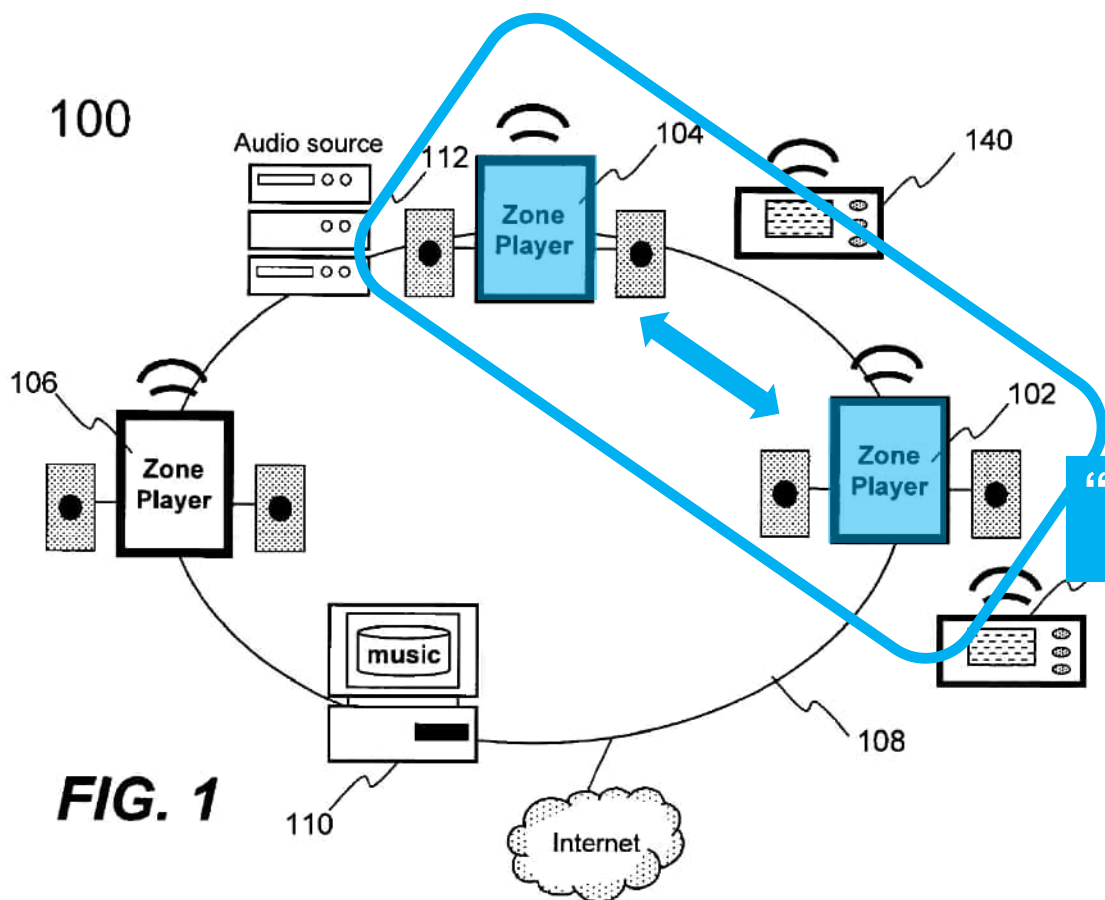
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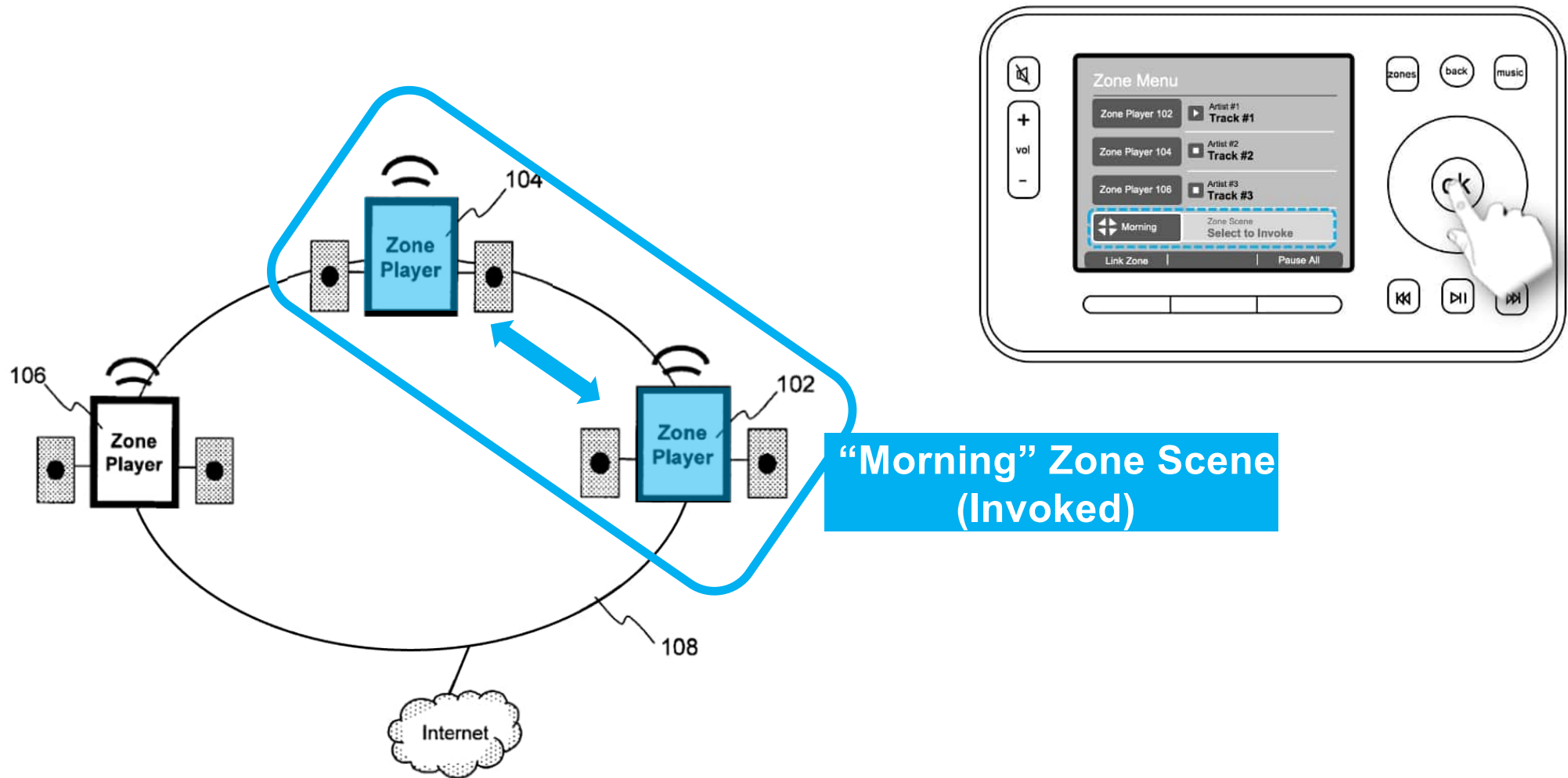
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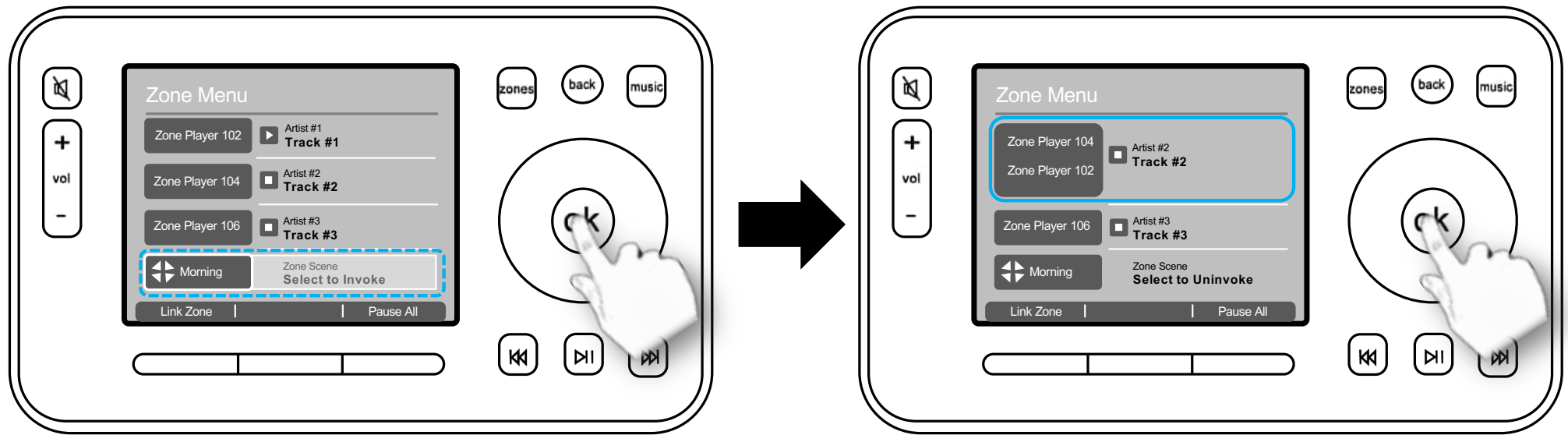
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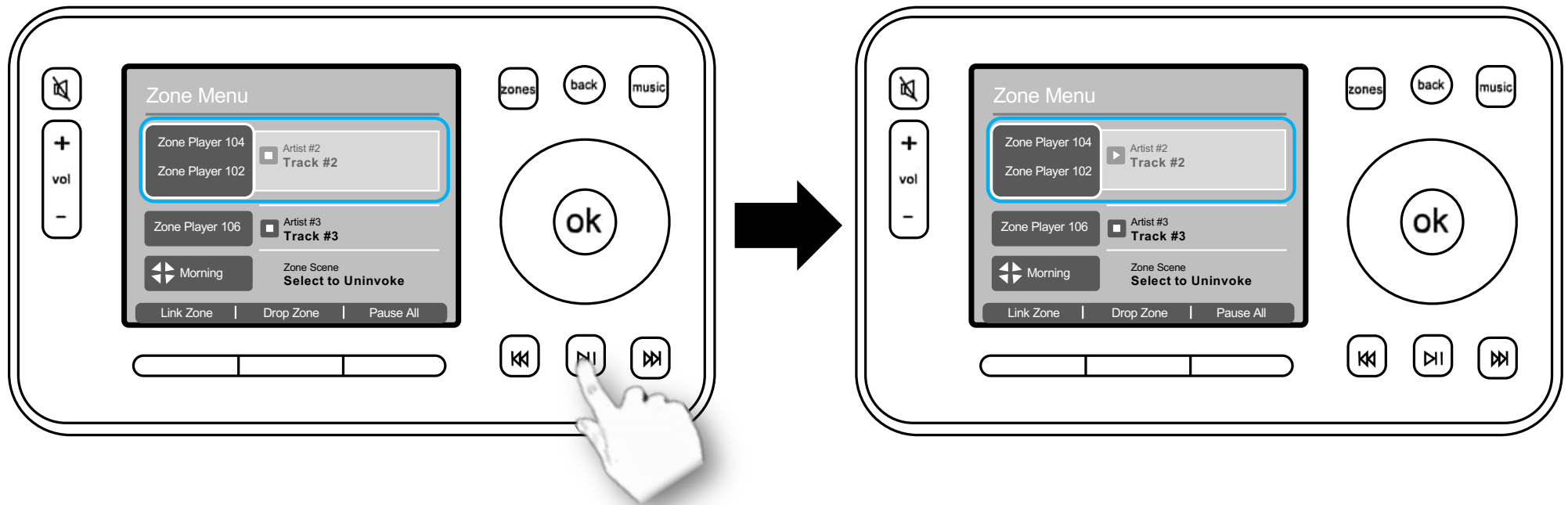
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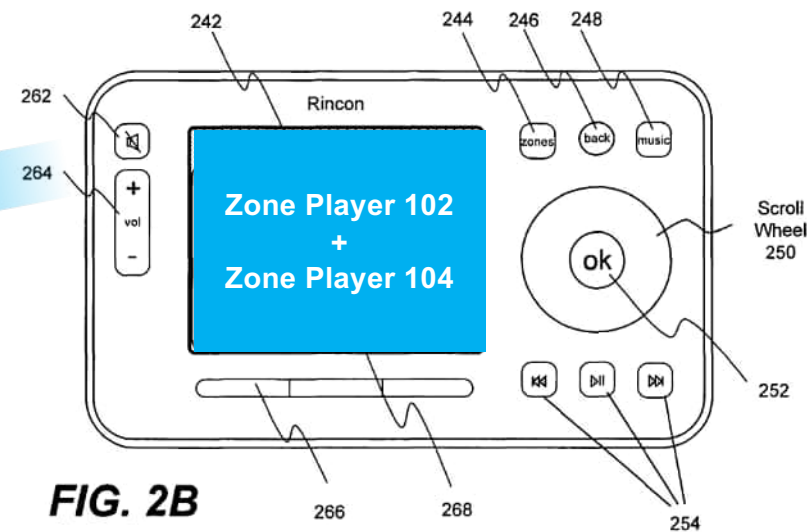
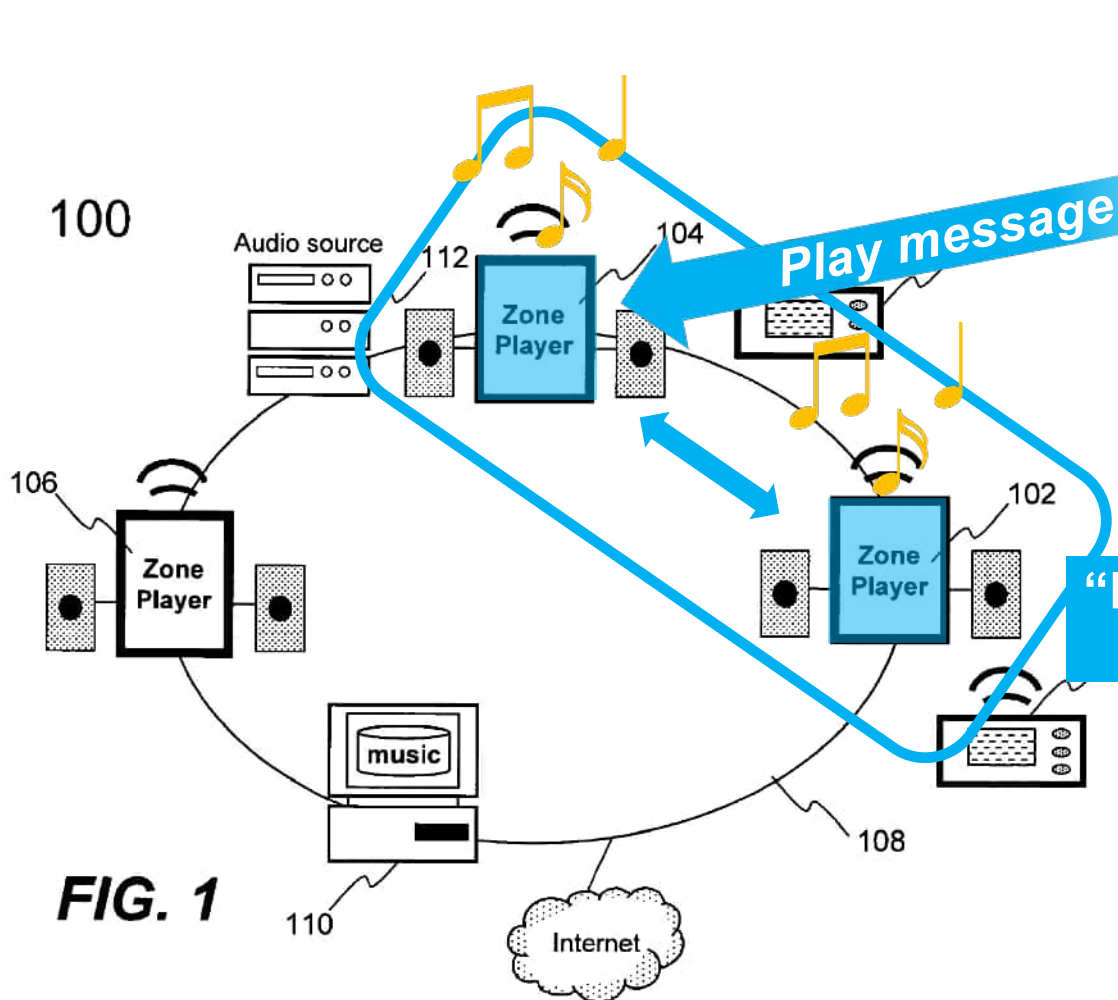
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## Sonos's "Zone Scene" Grouping - Initiating Playback After Invocation



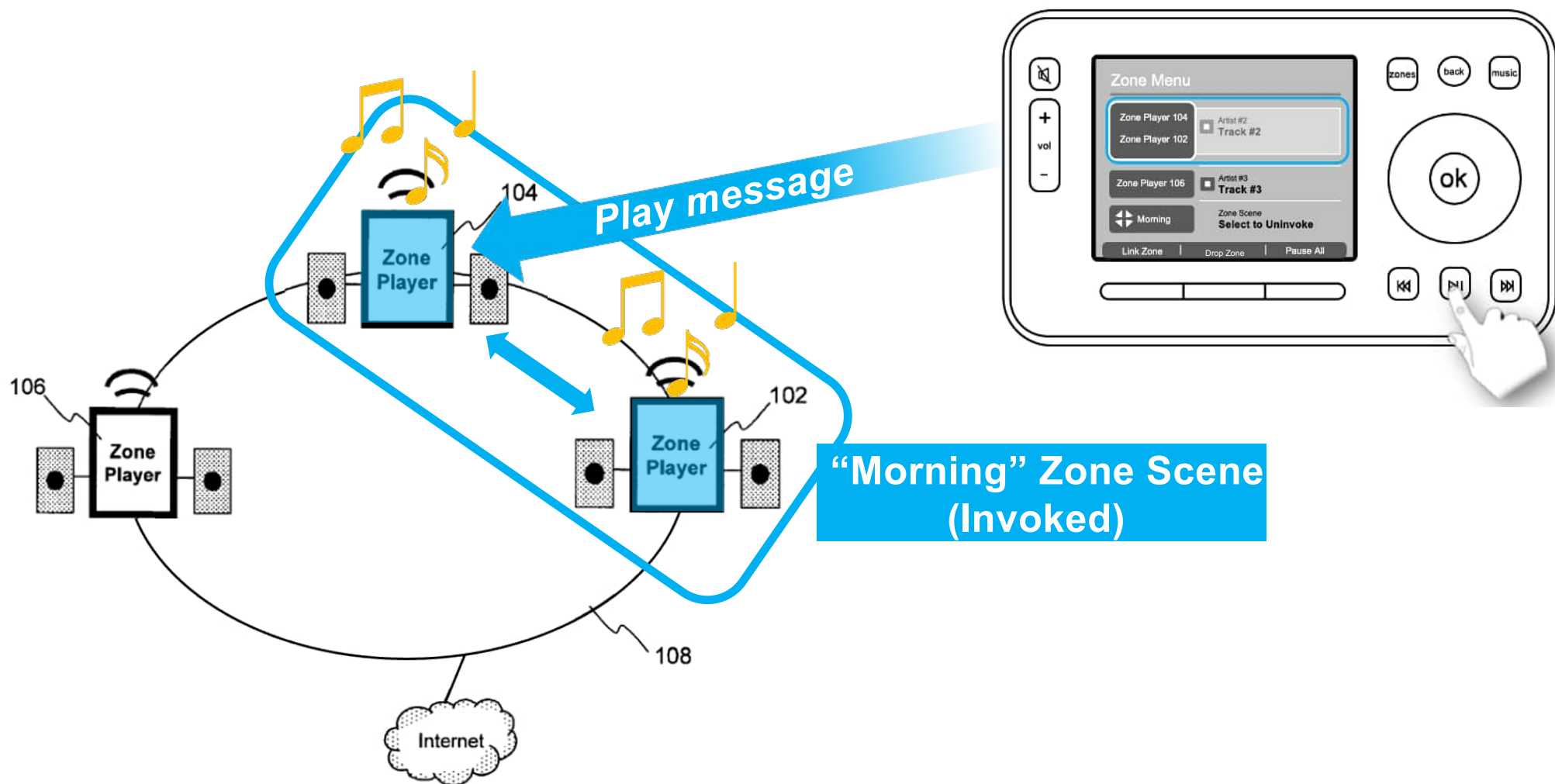
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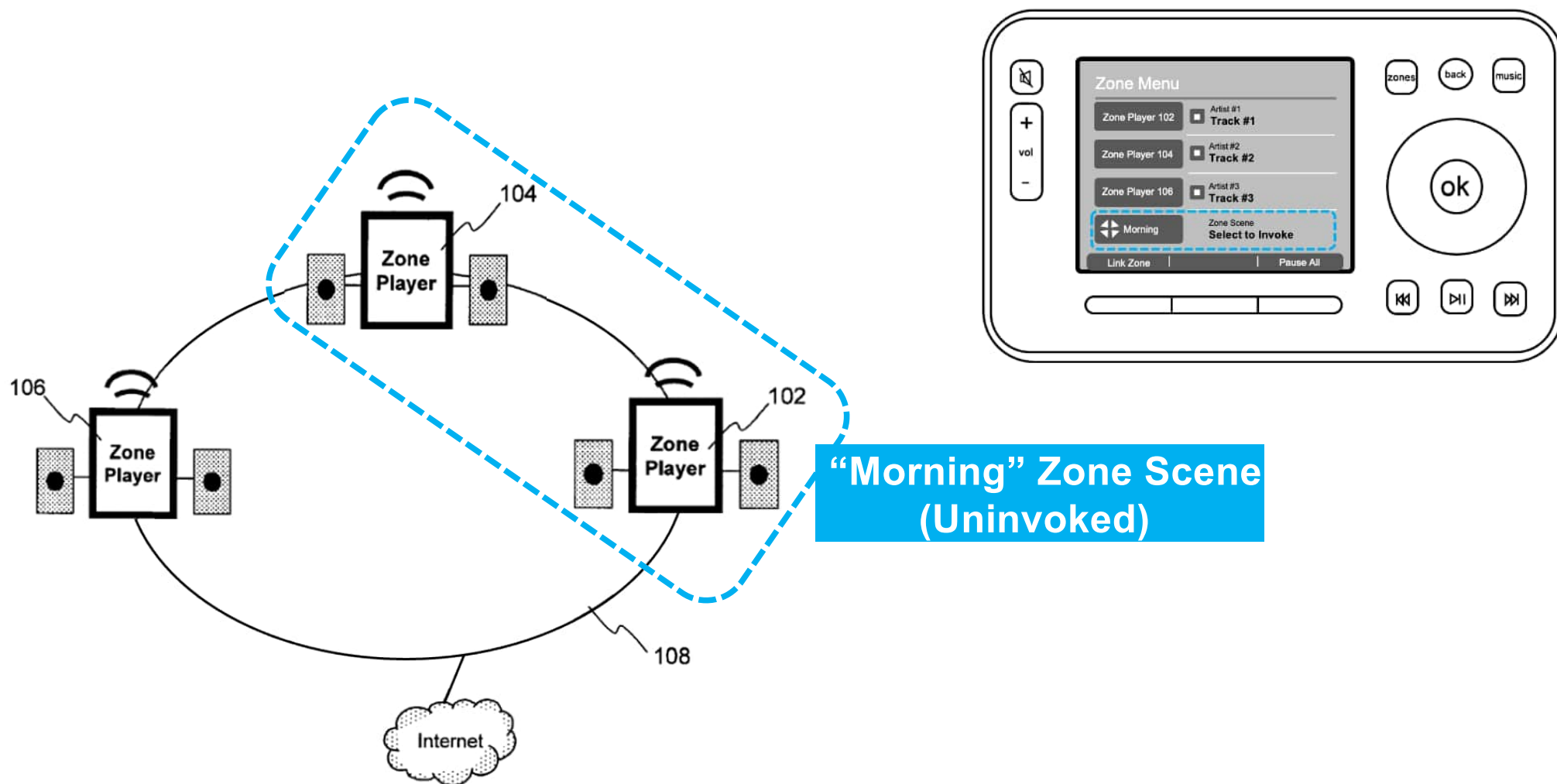
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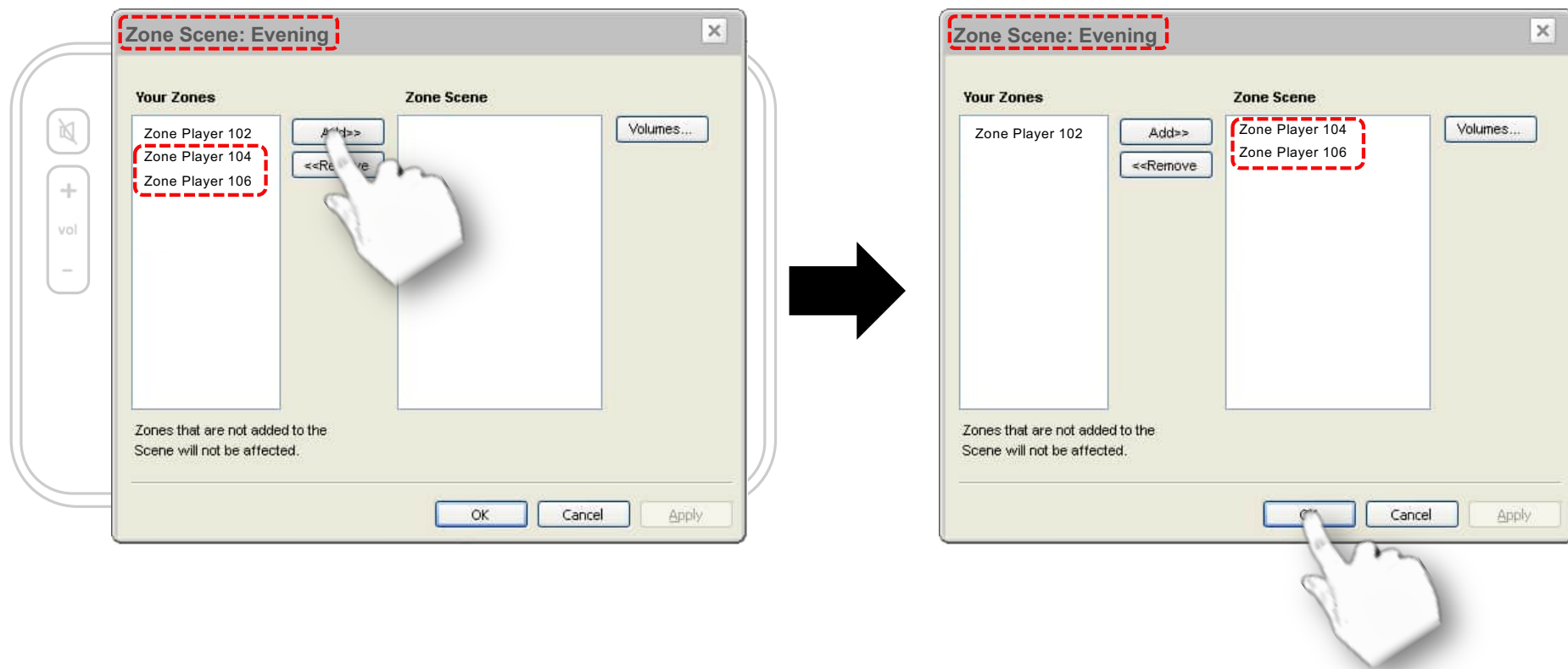
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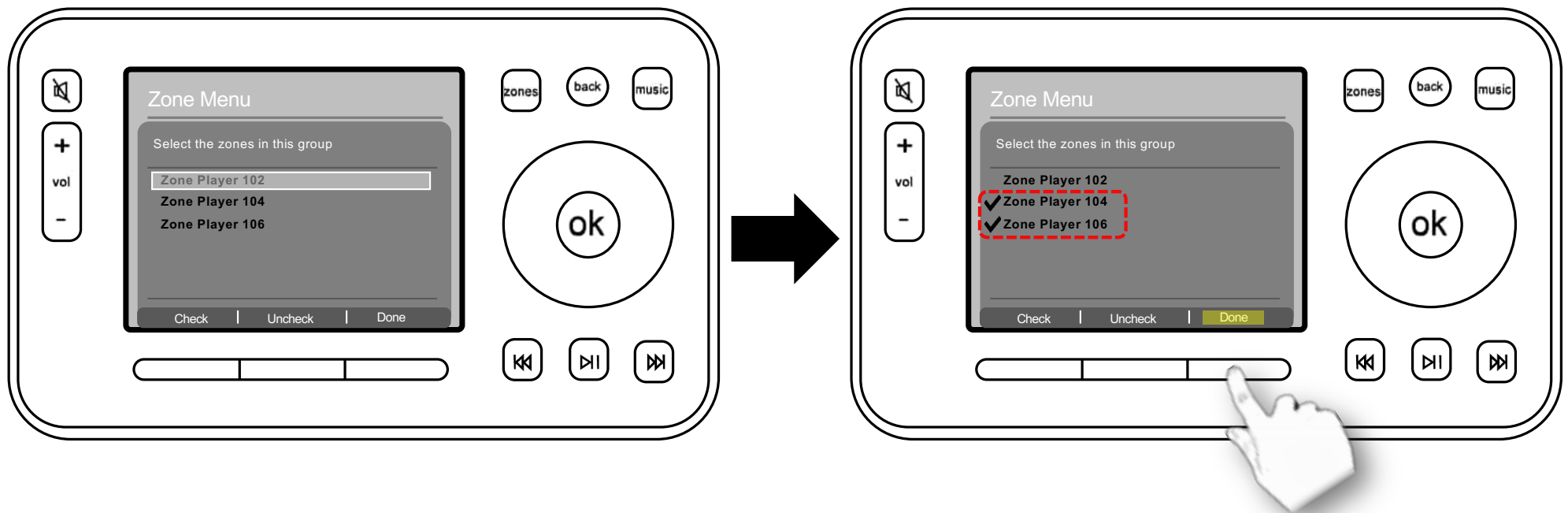
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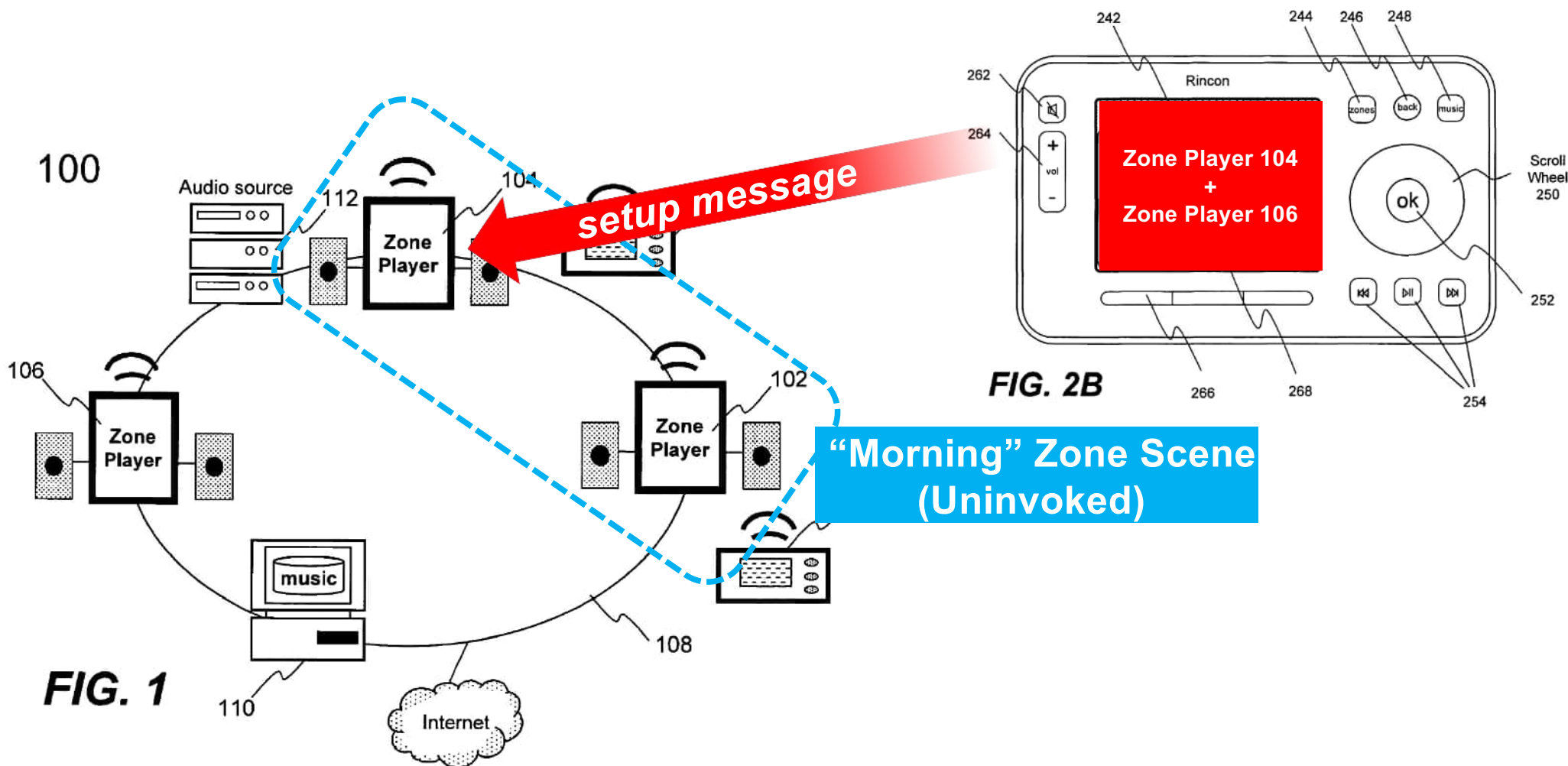
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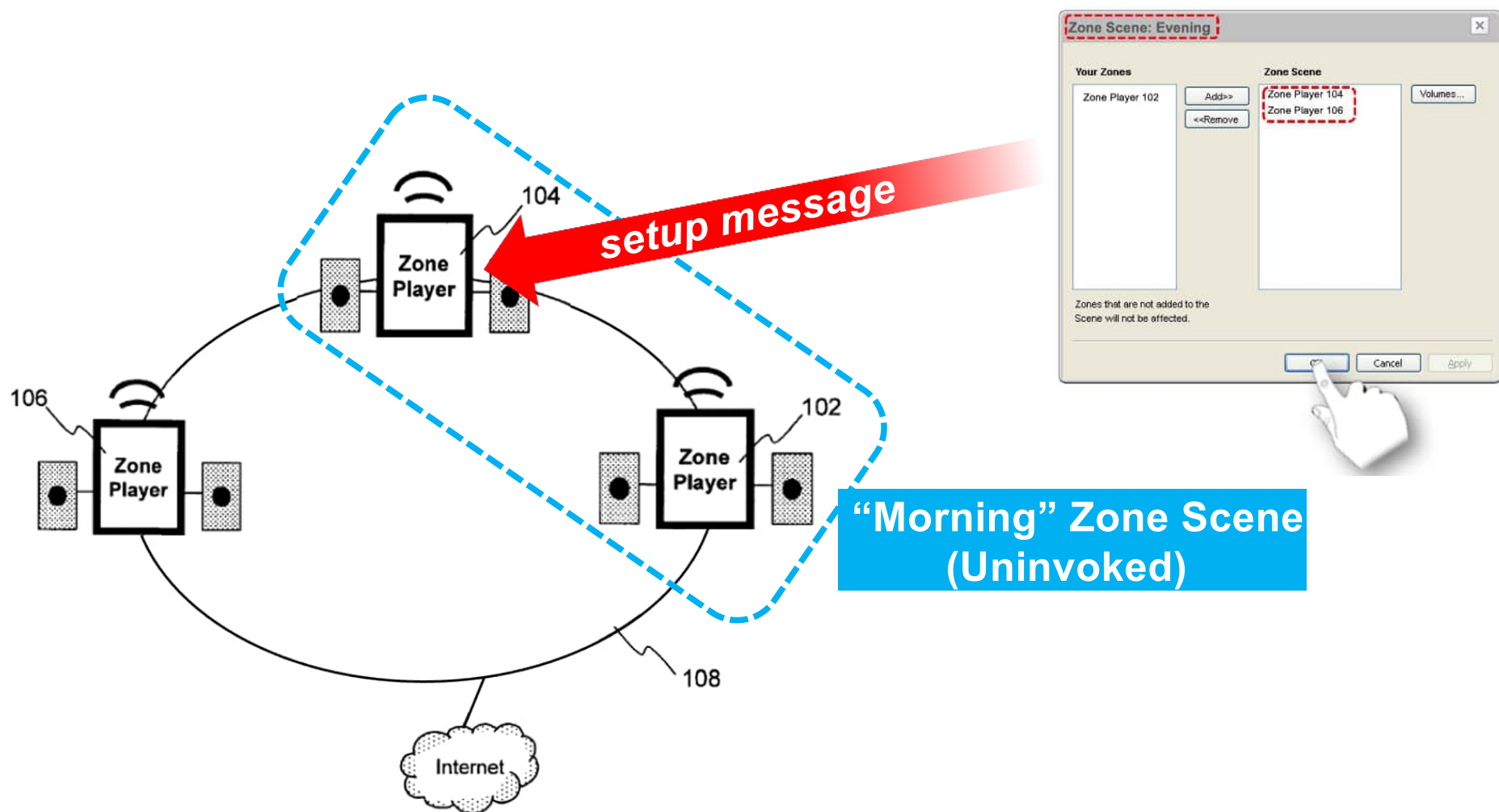
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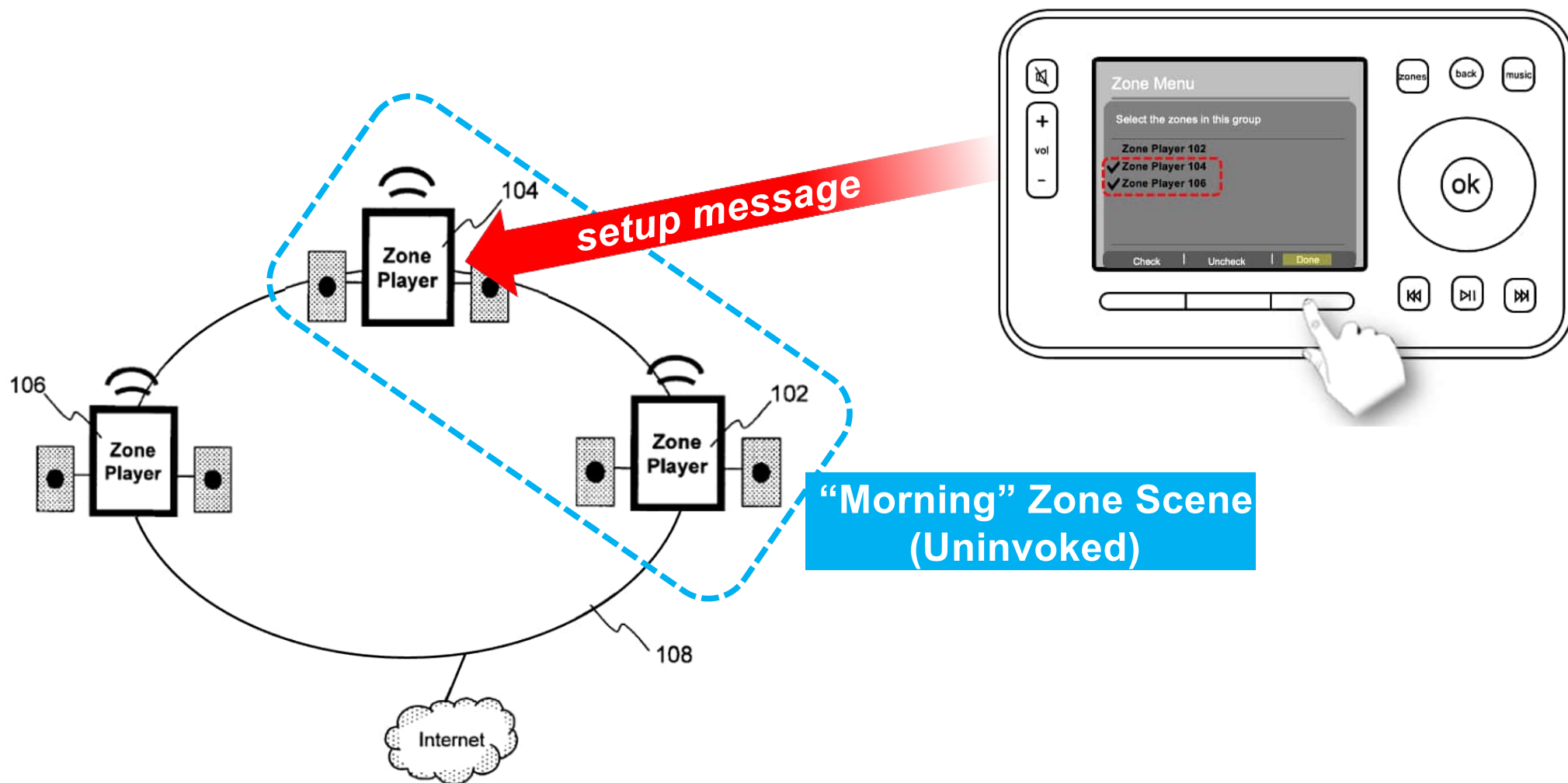
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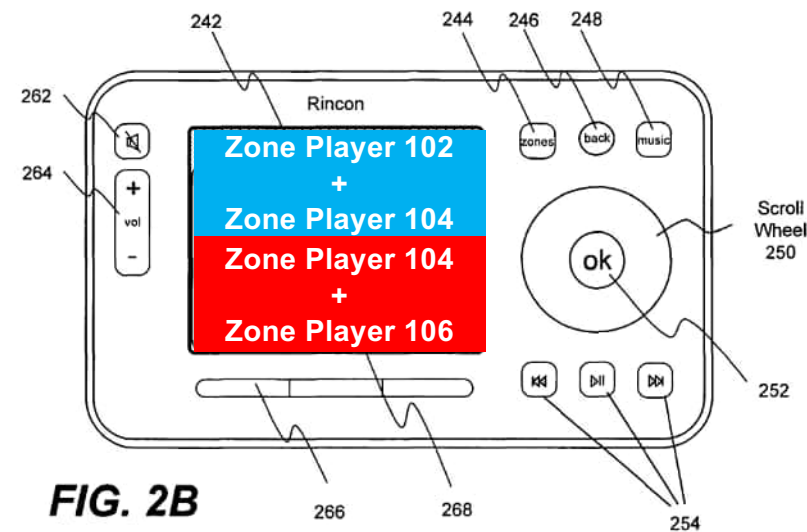
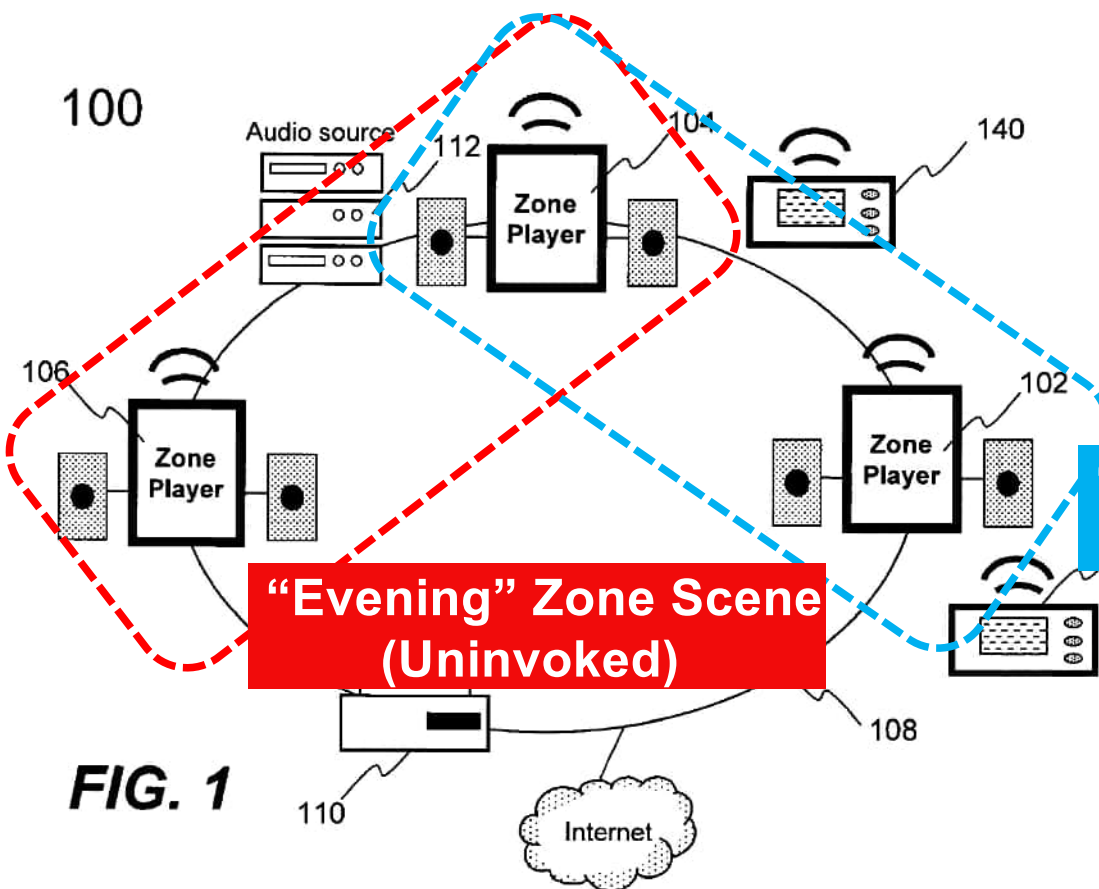
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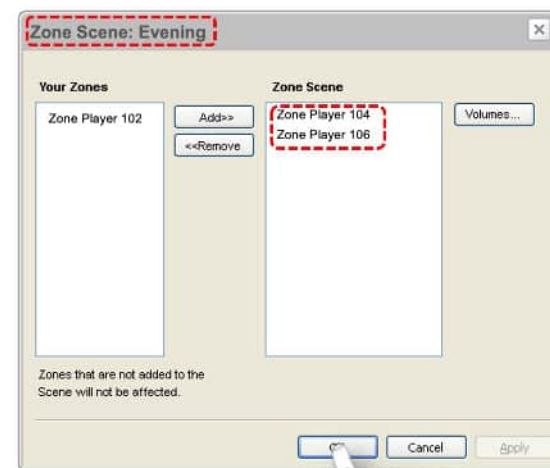
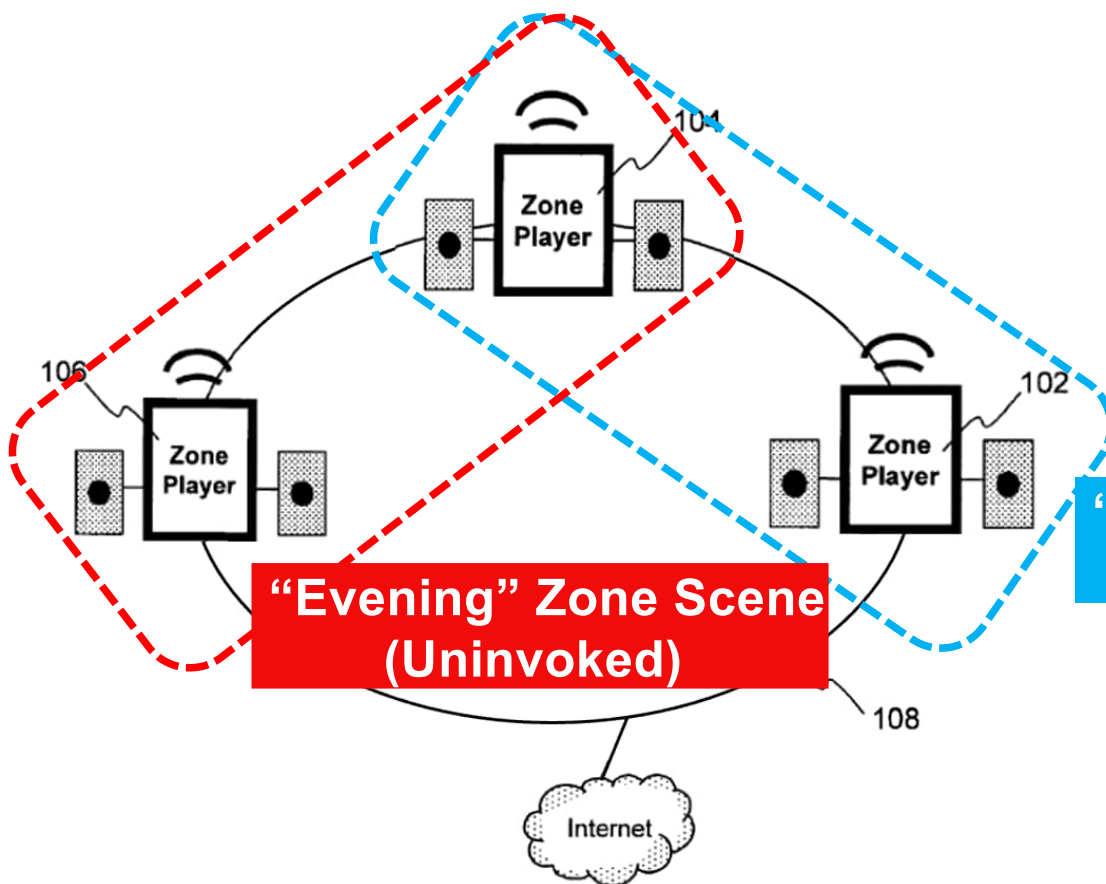


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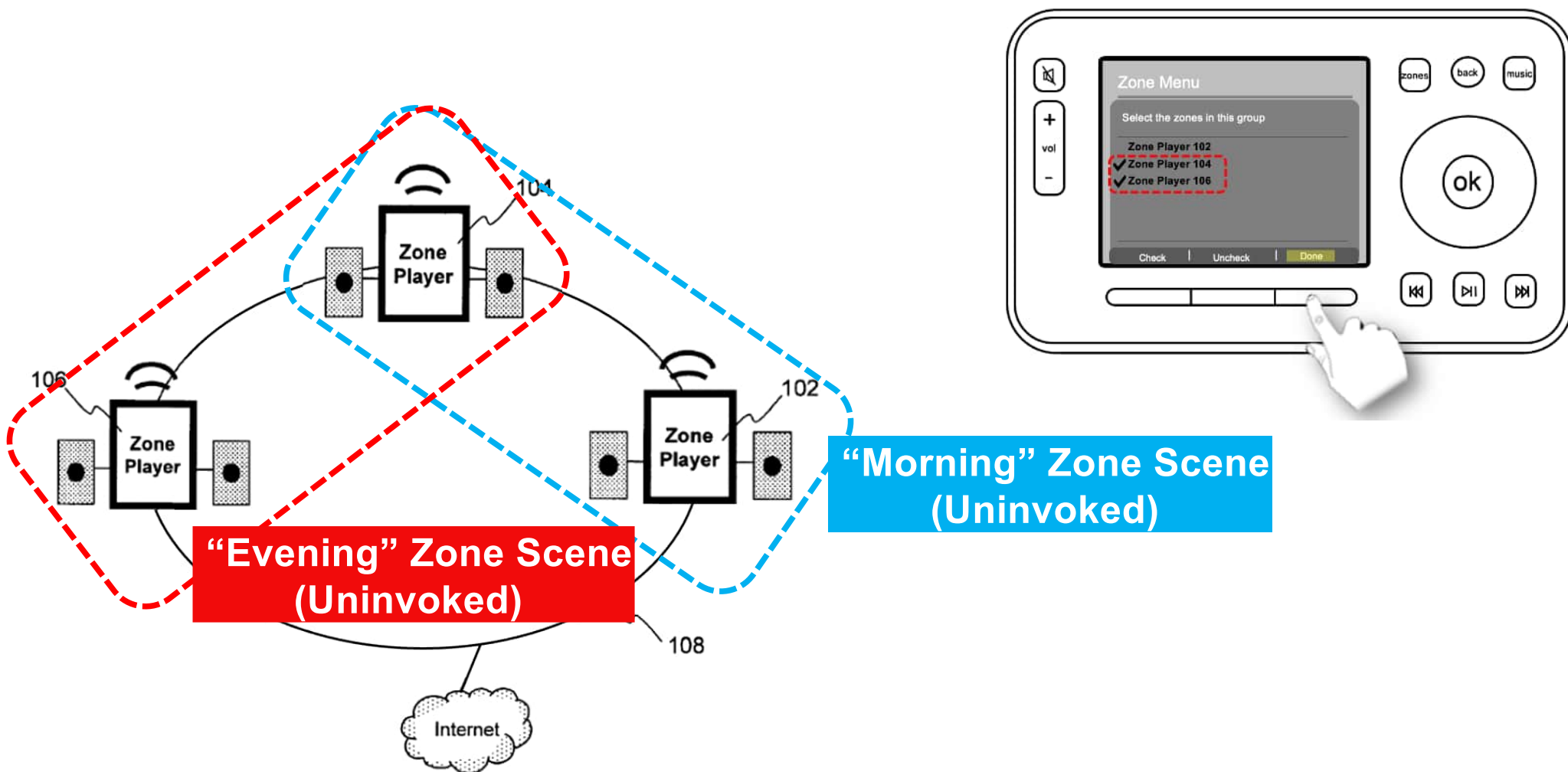


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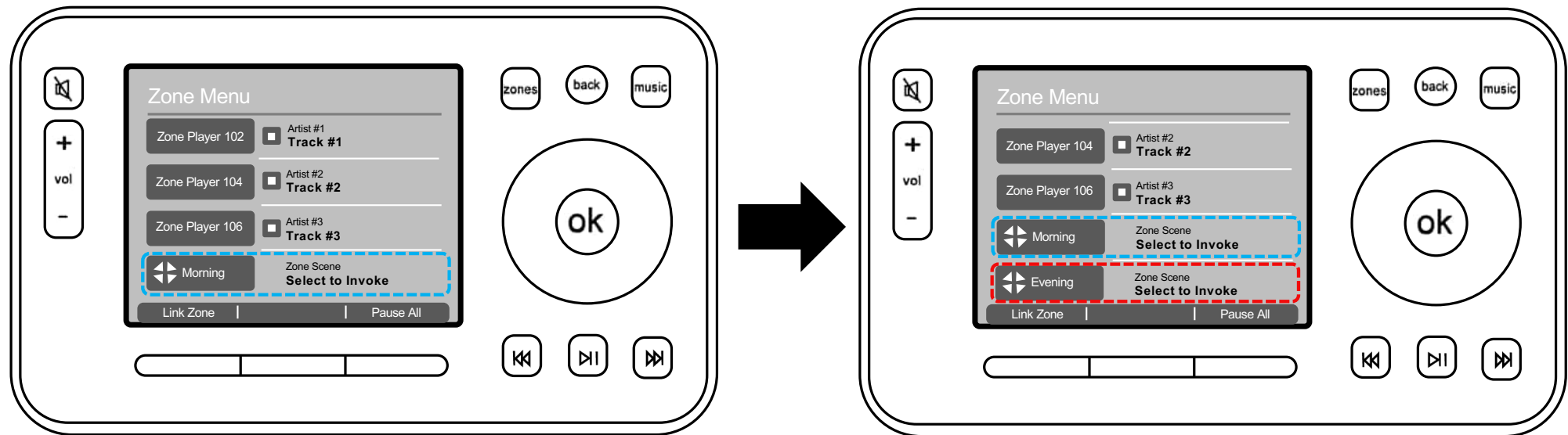


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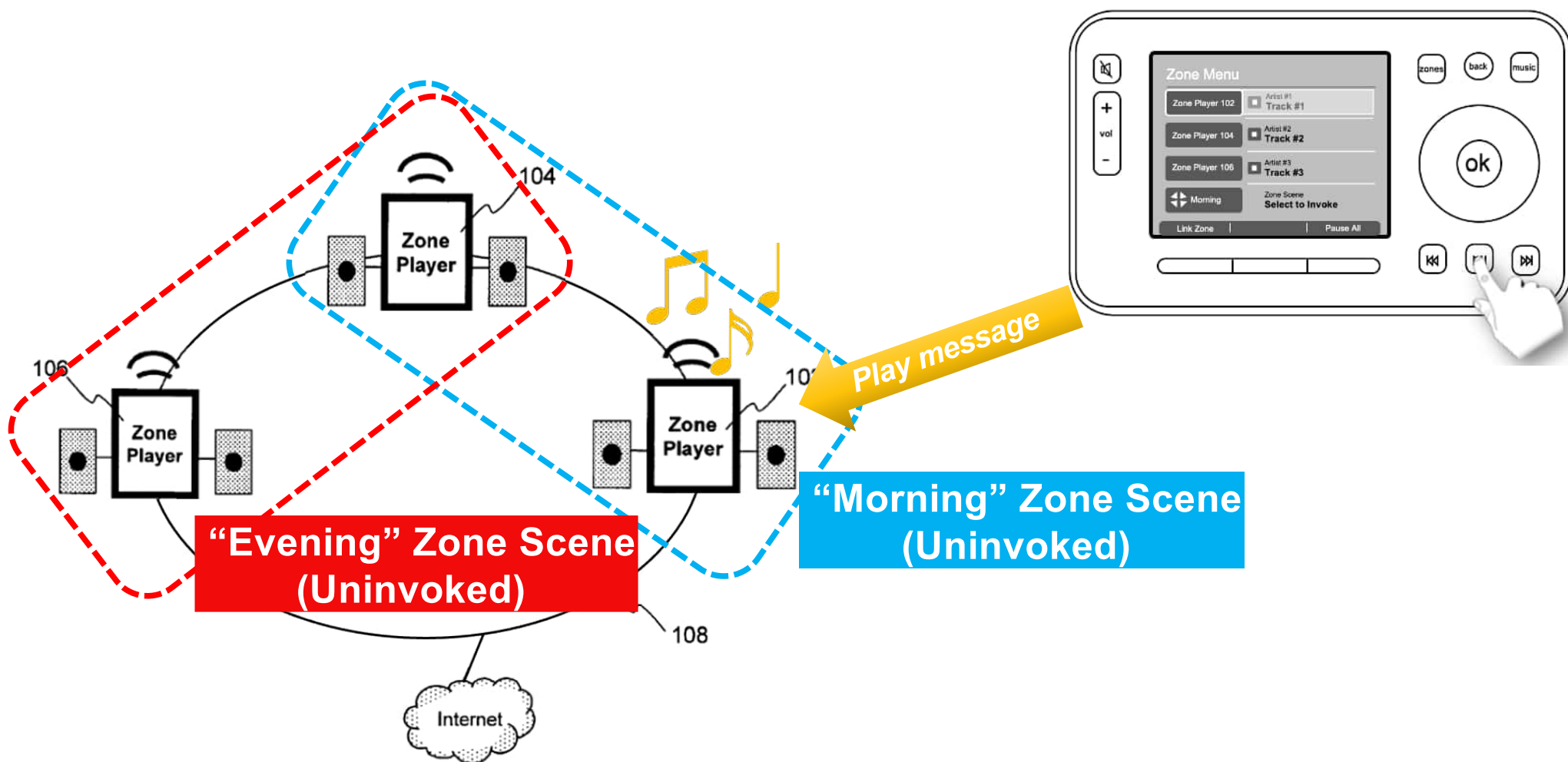
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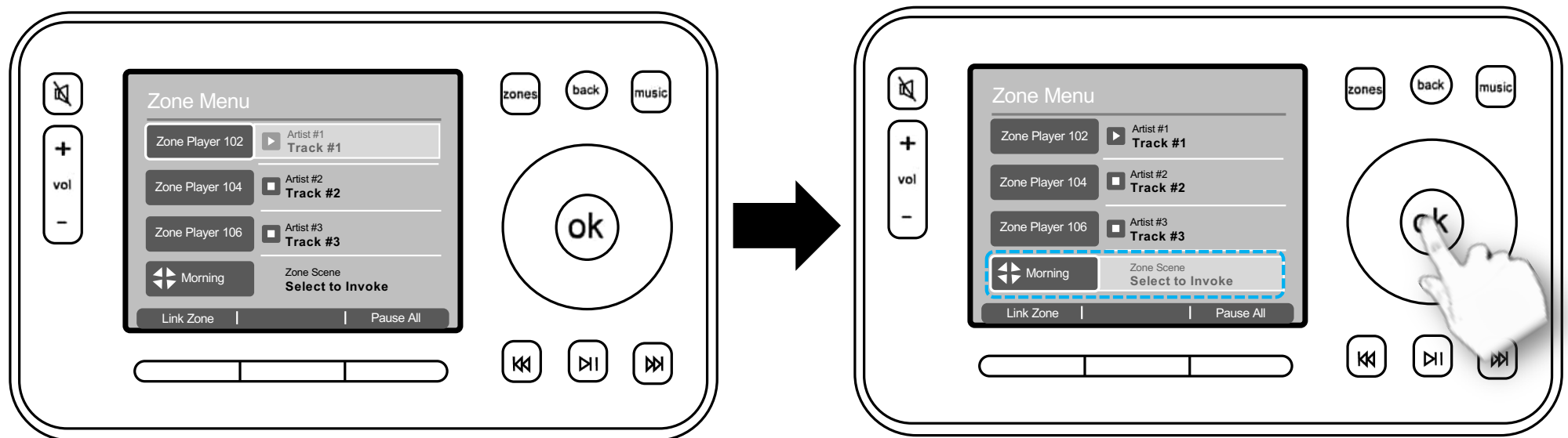
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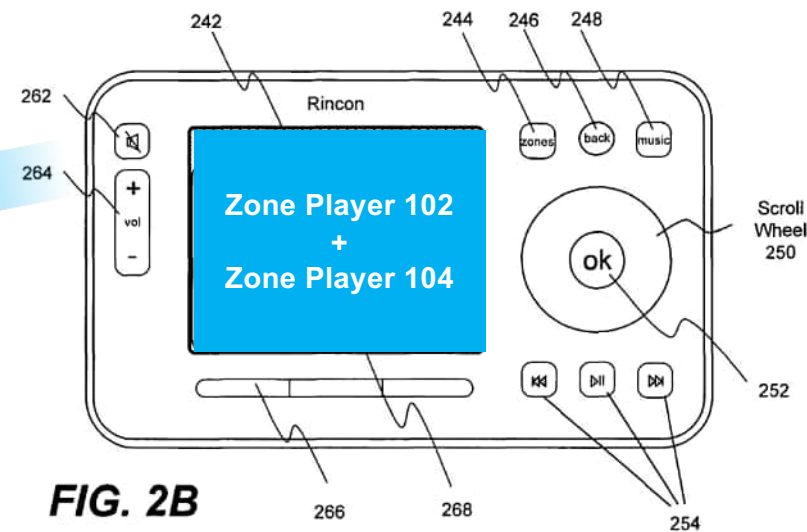
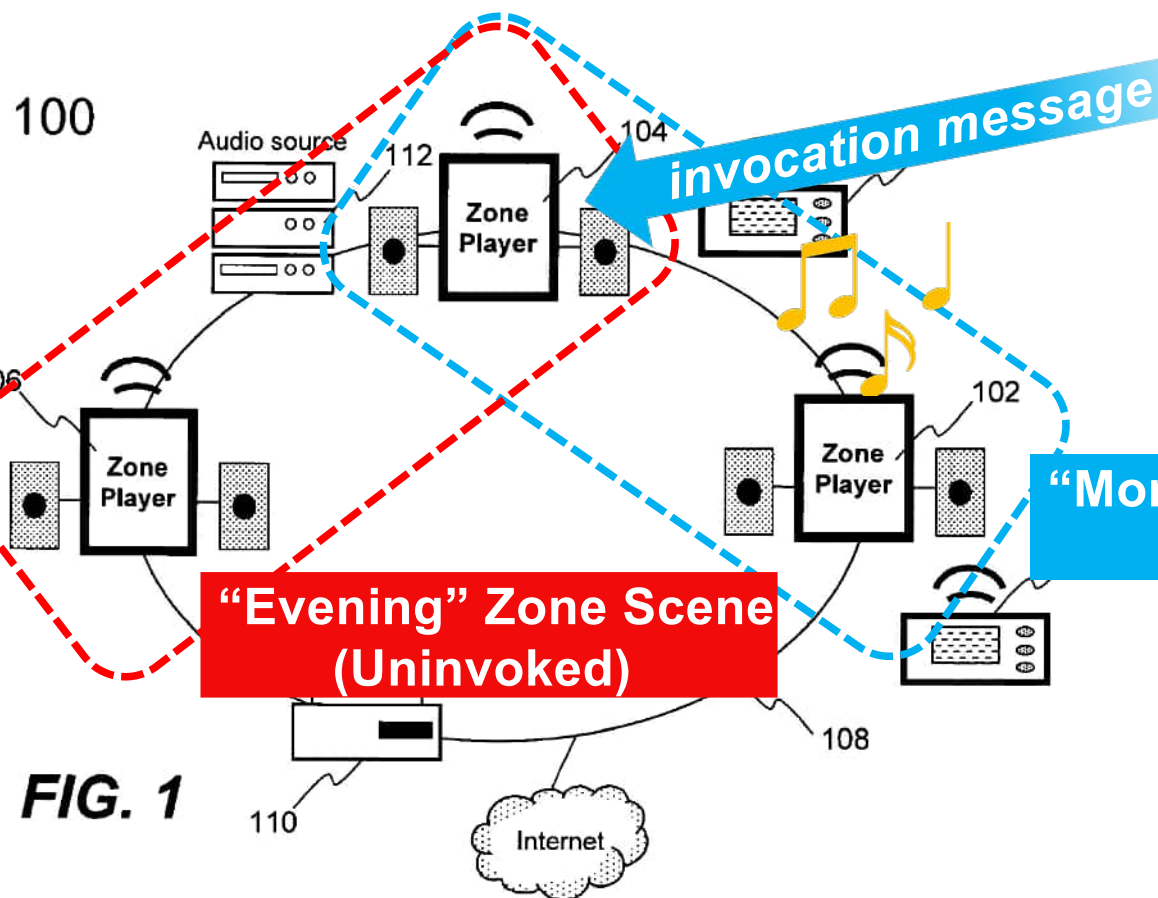
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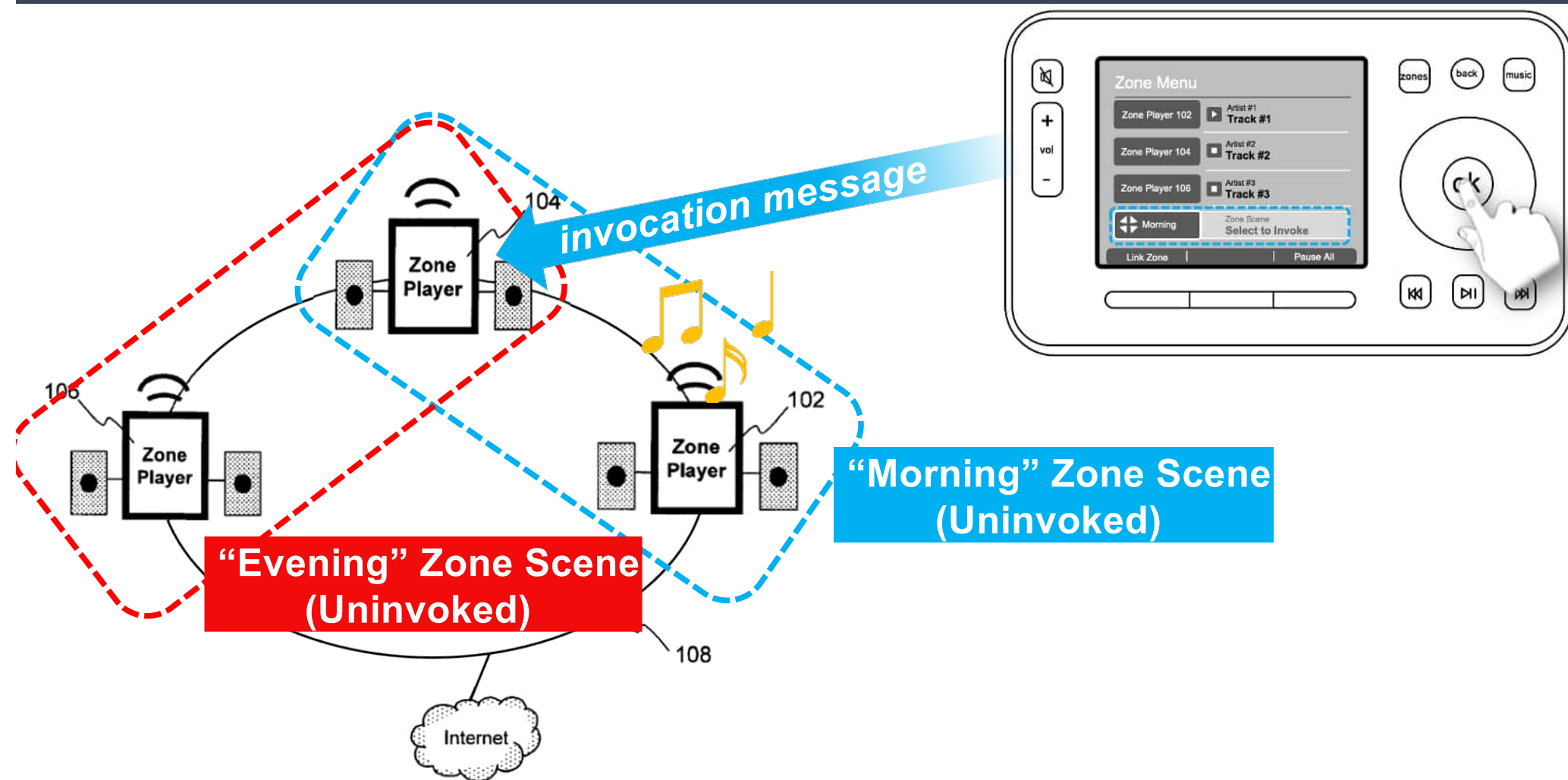
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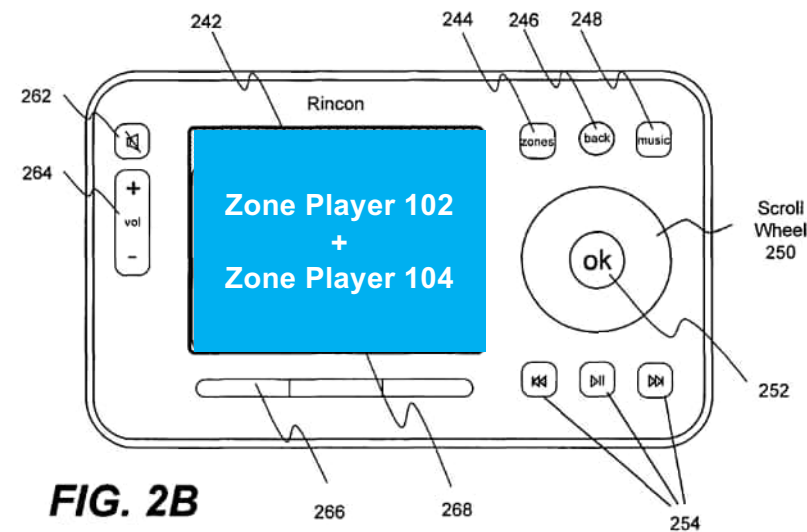
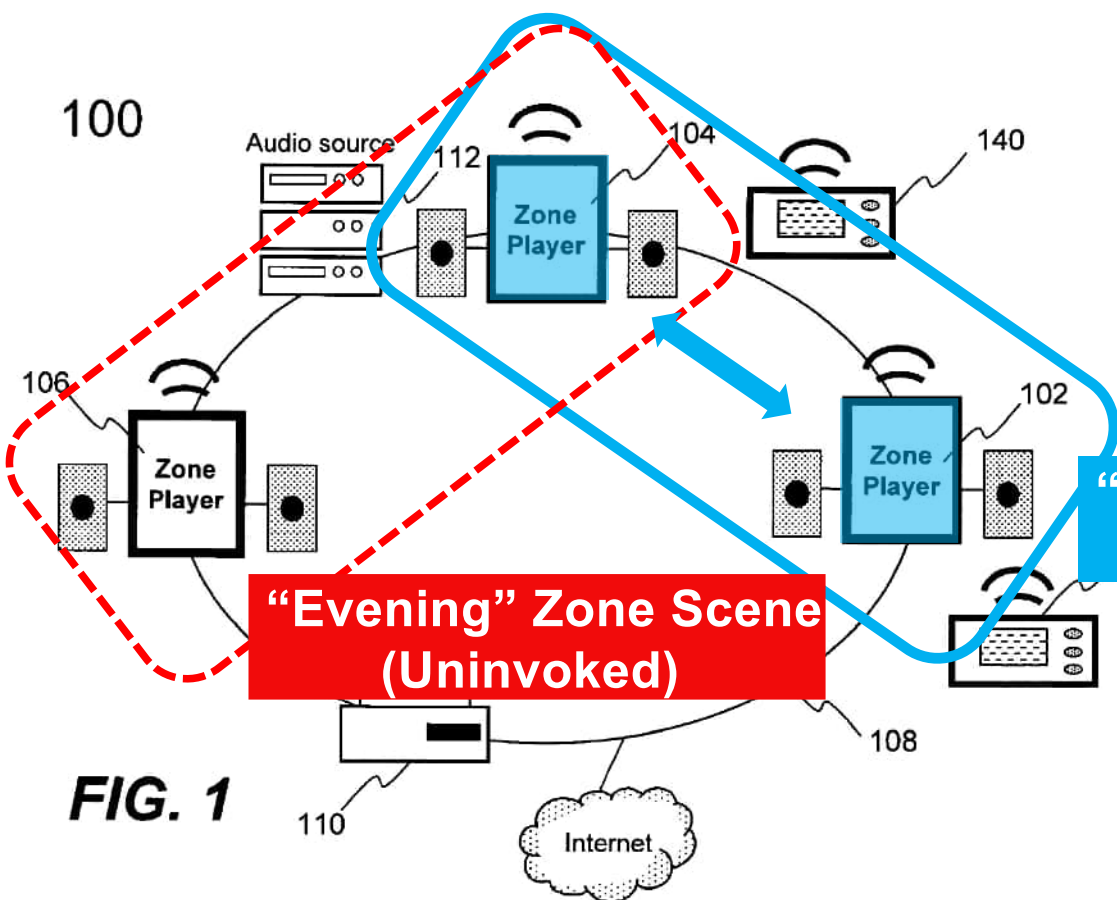
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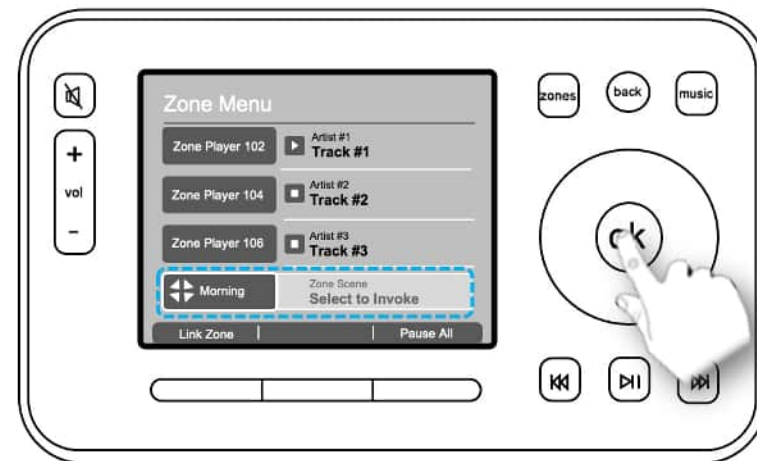
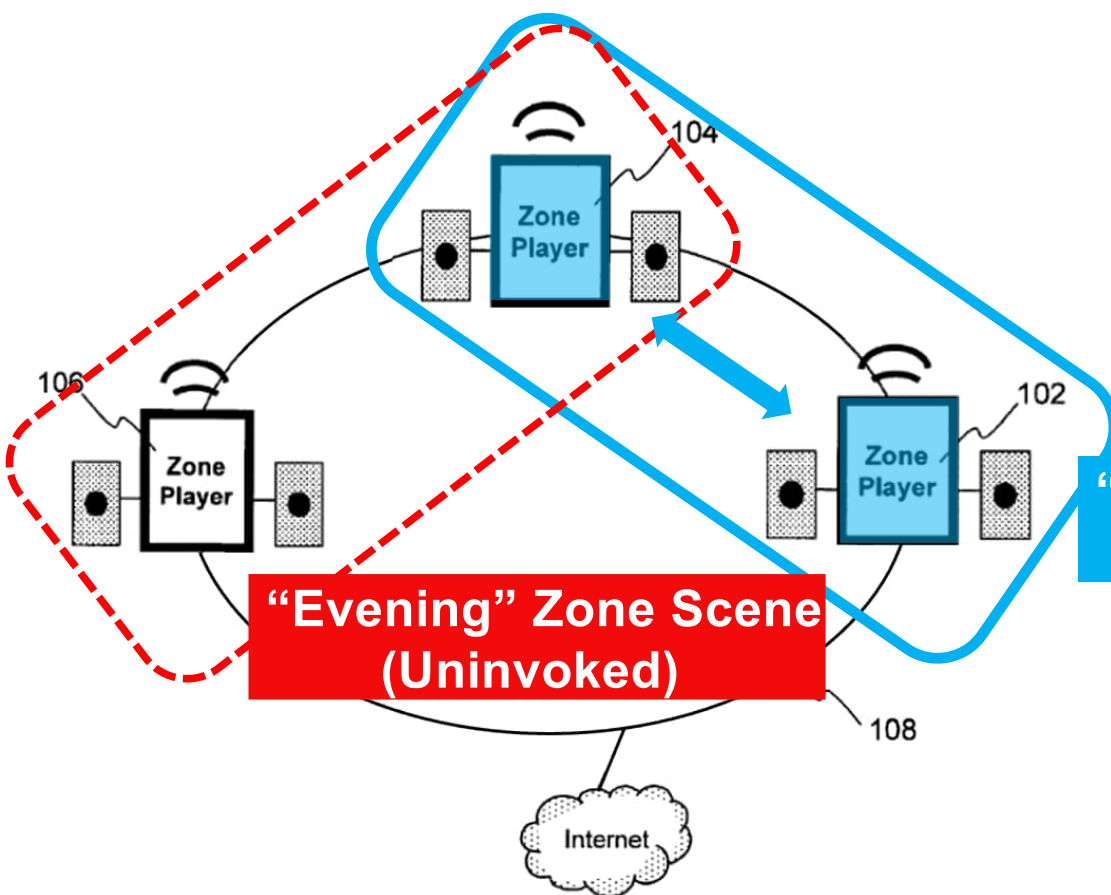


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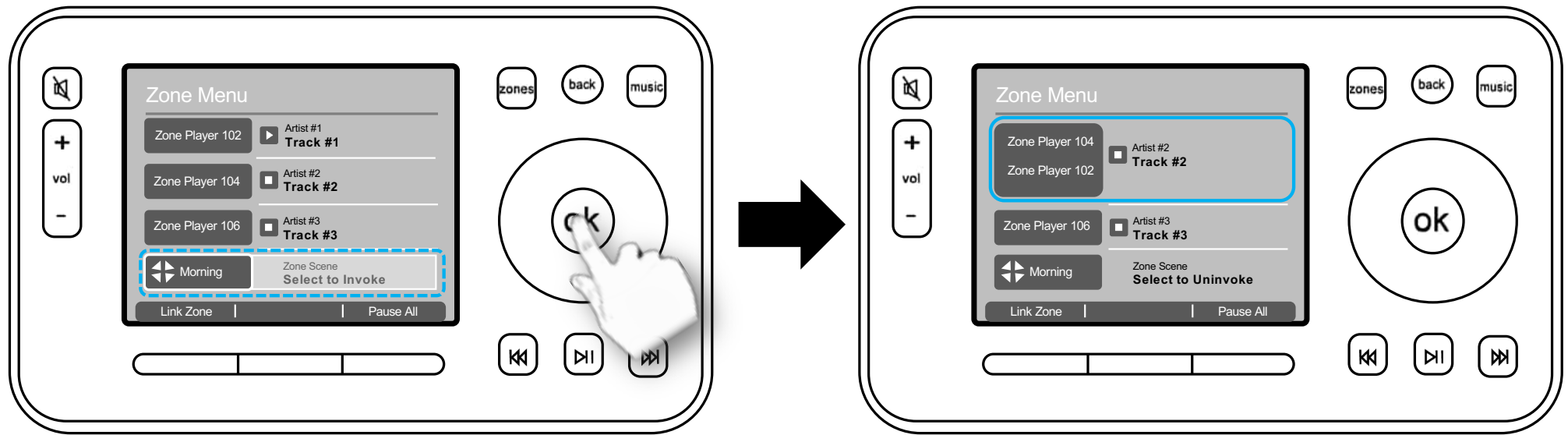
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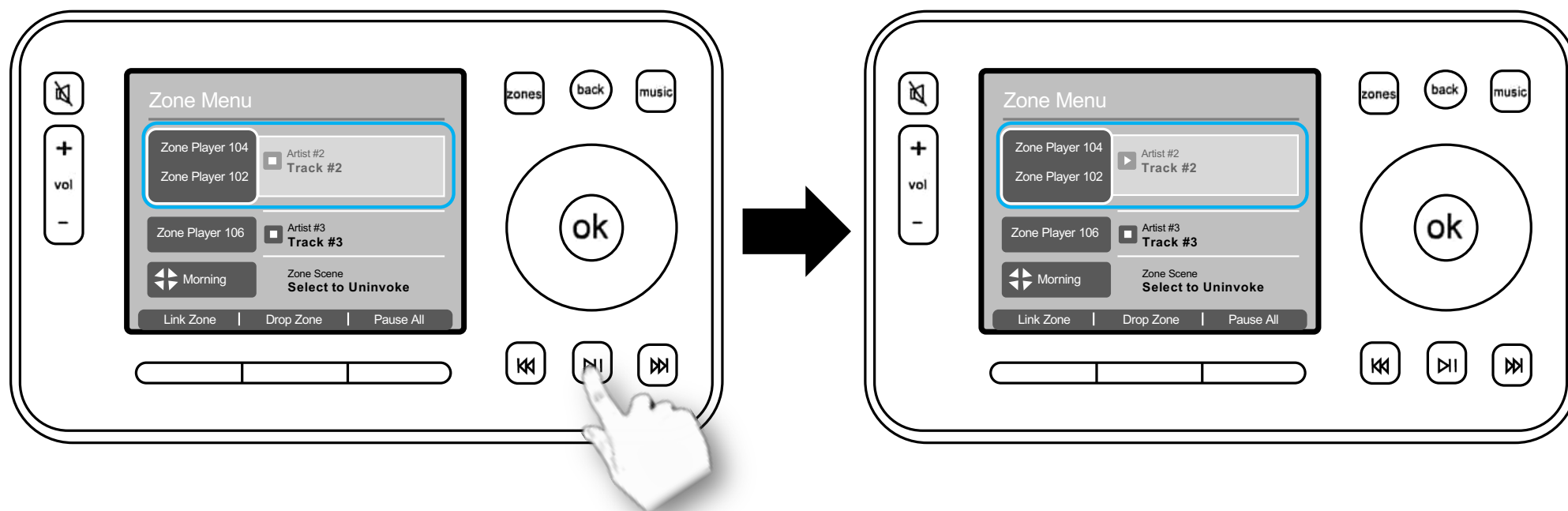
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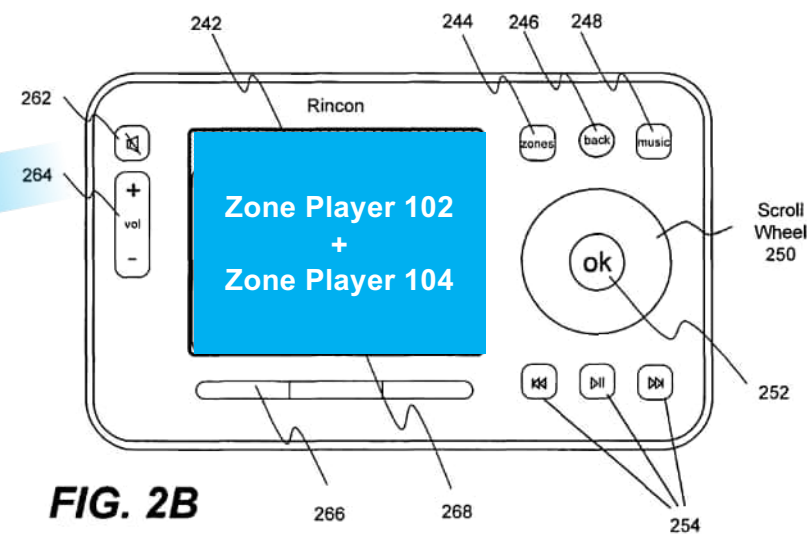
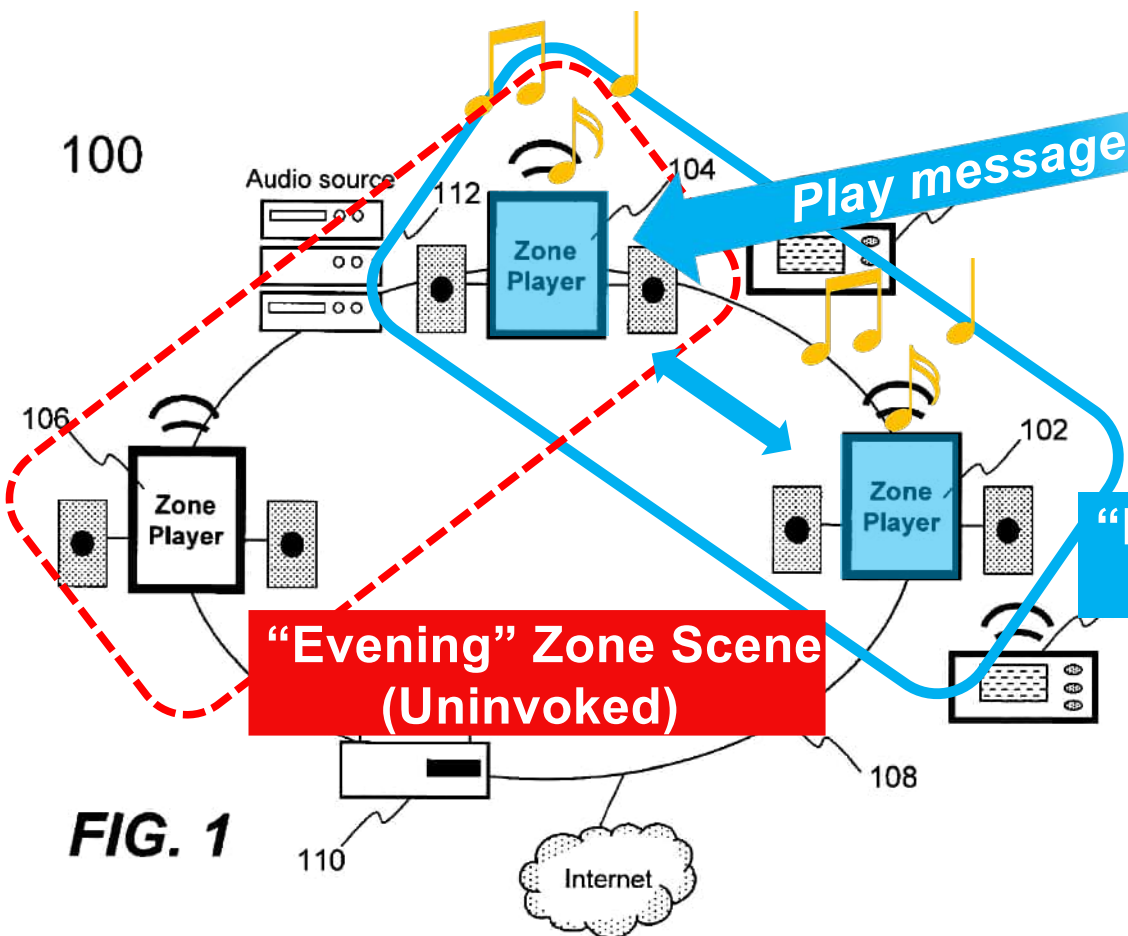
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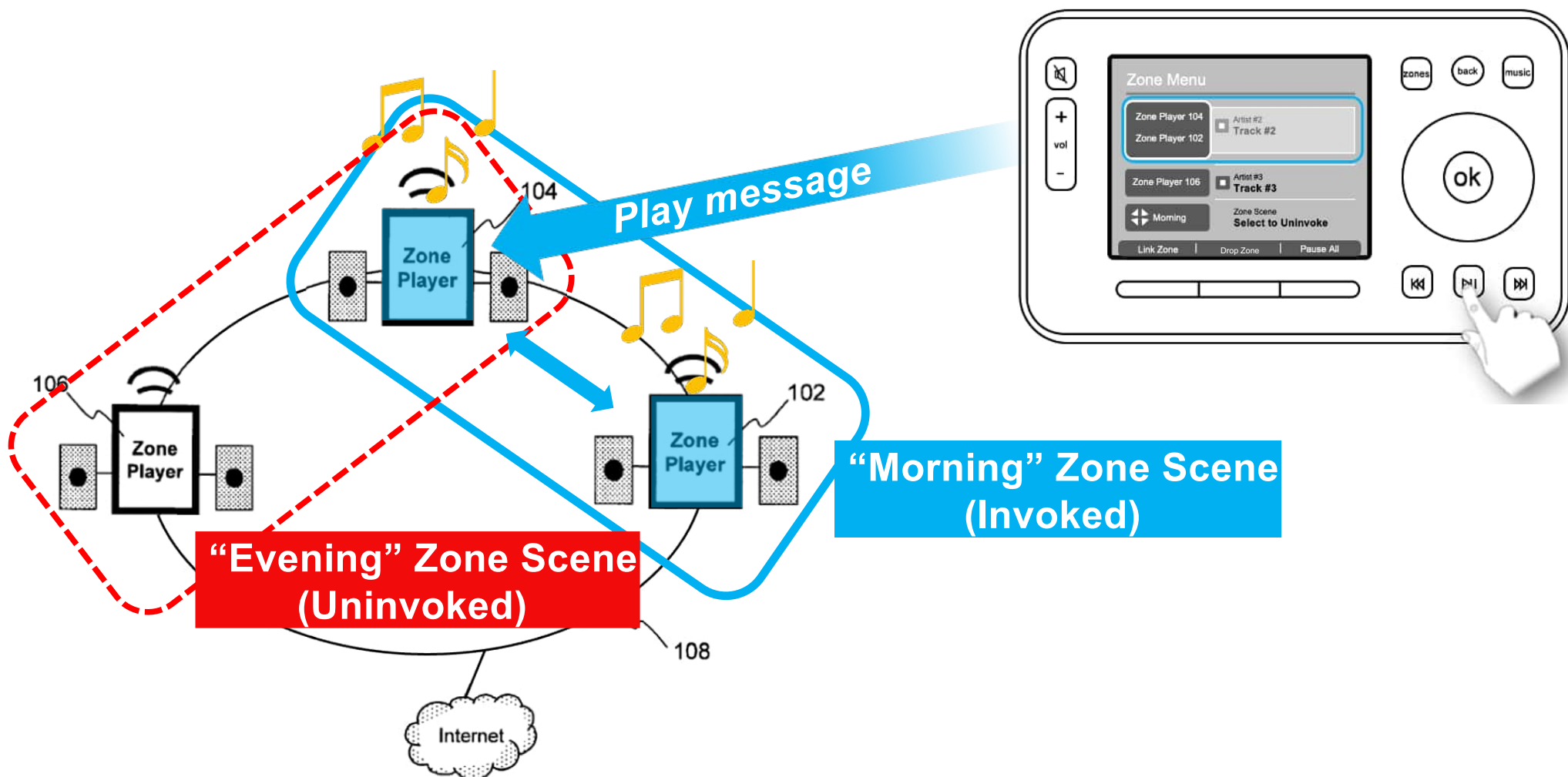
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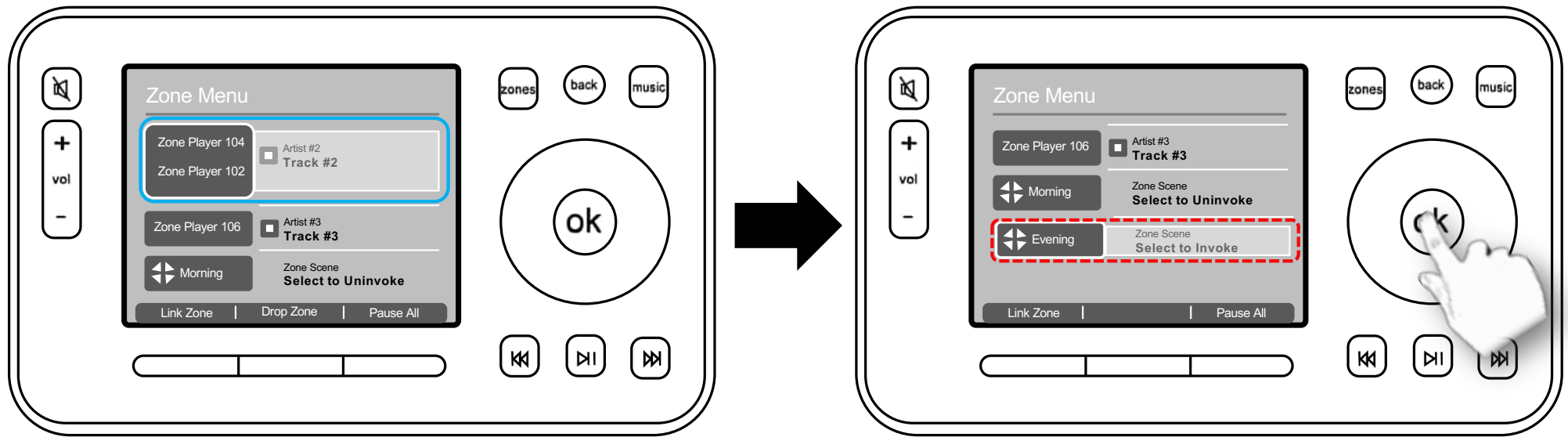
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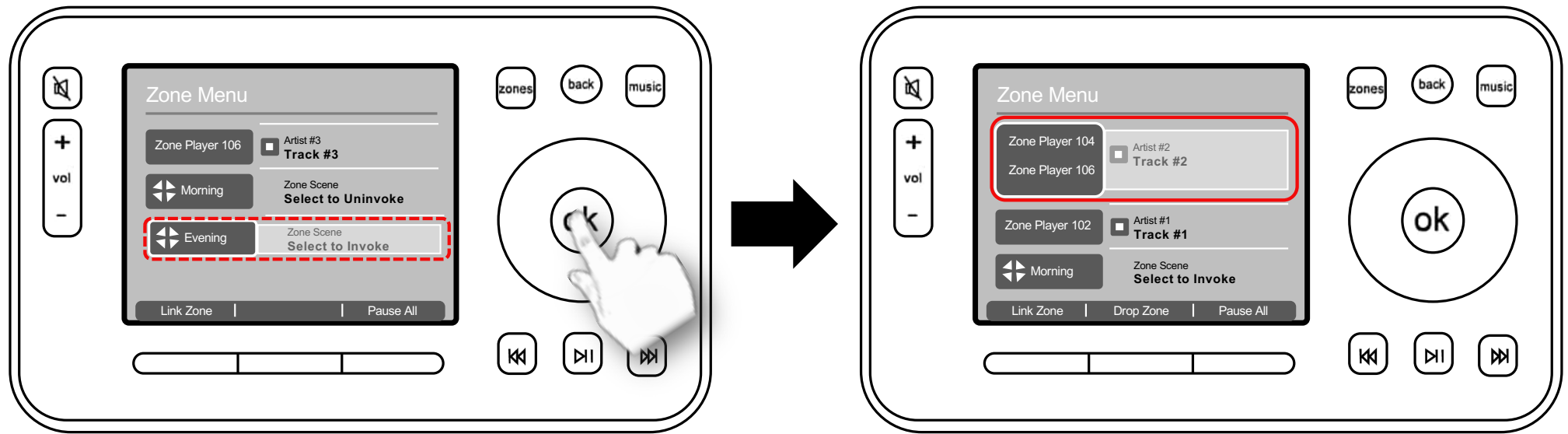
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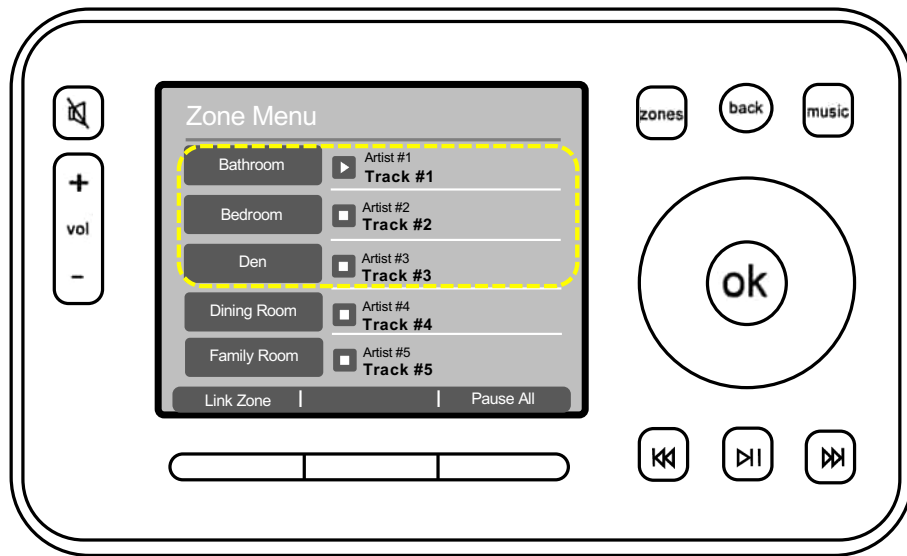
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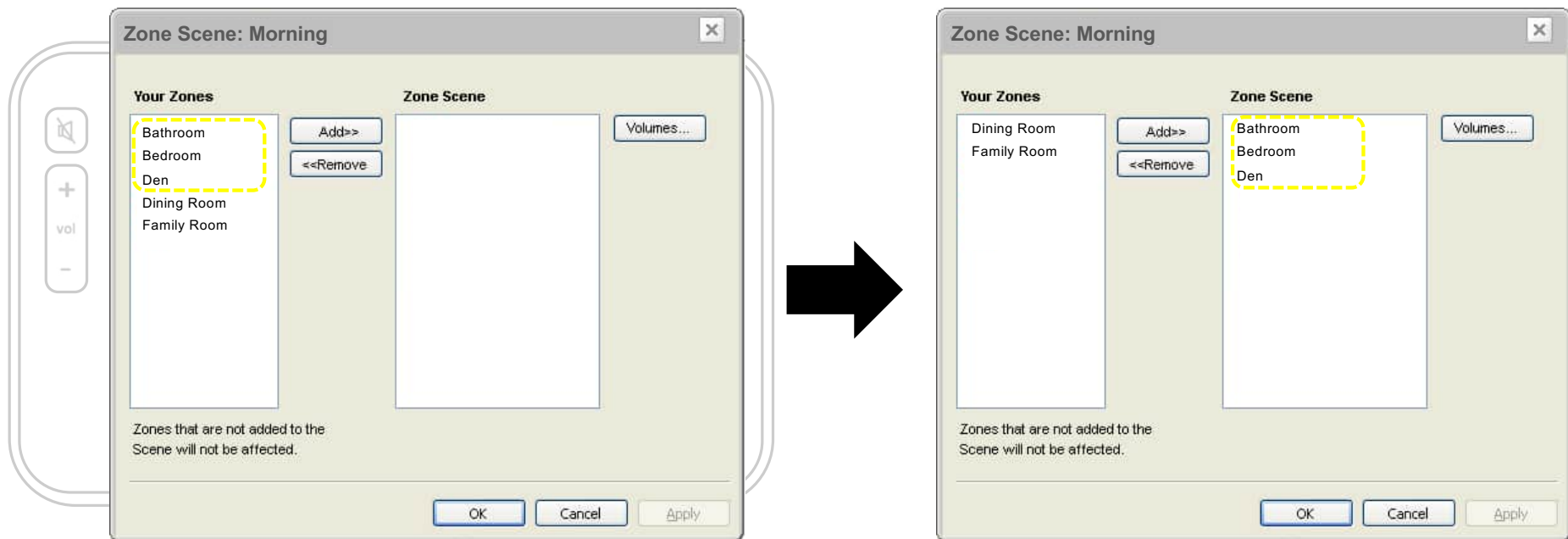


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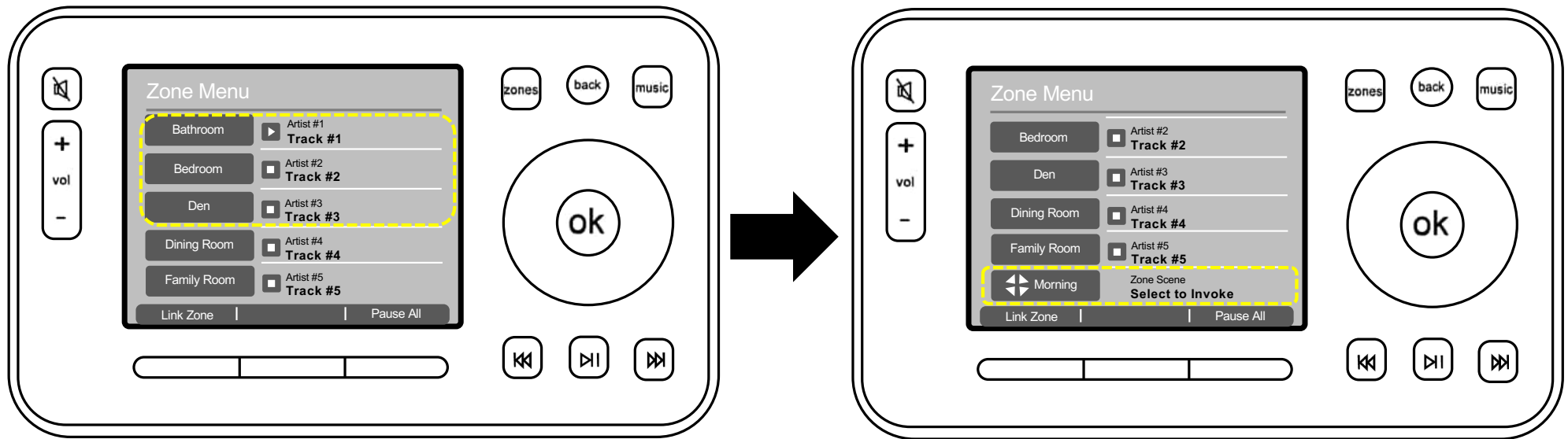




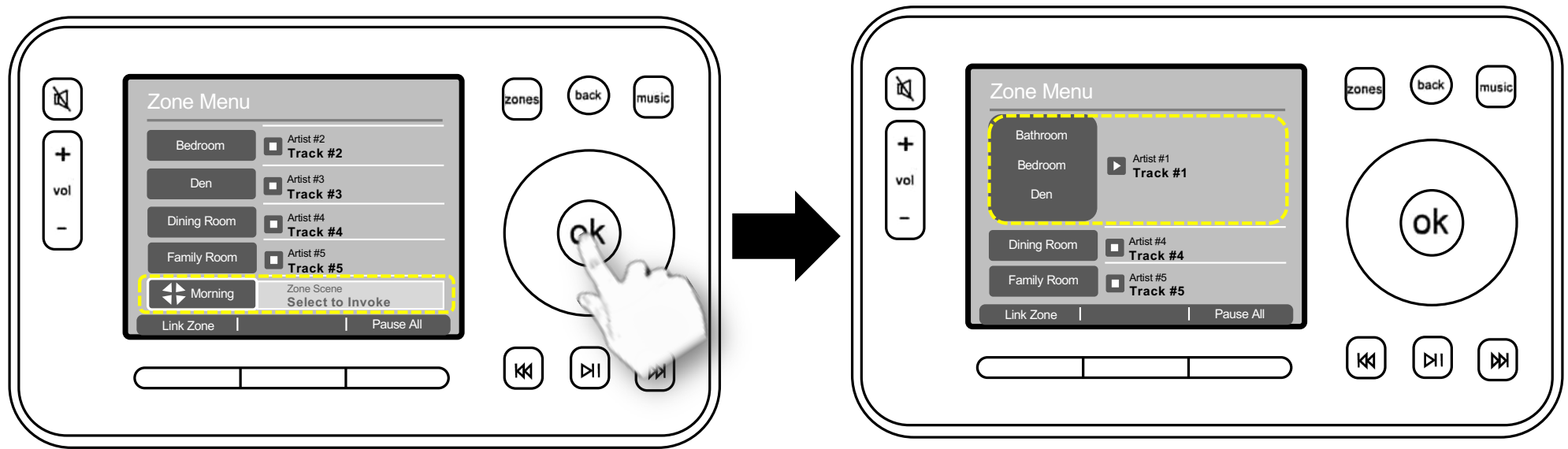
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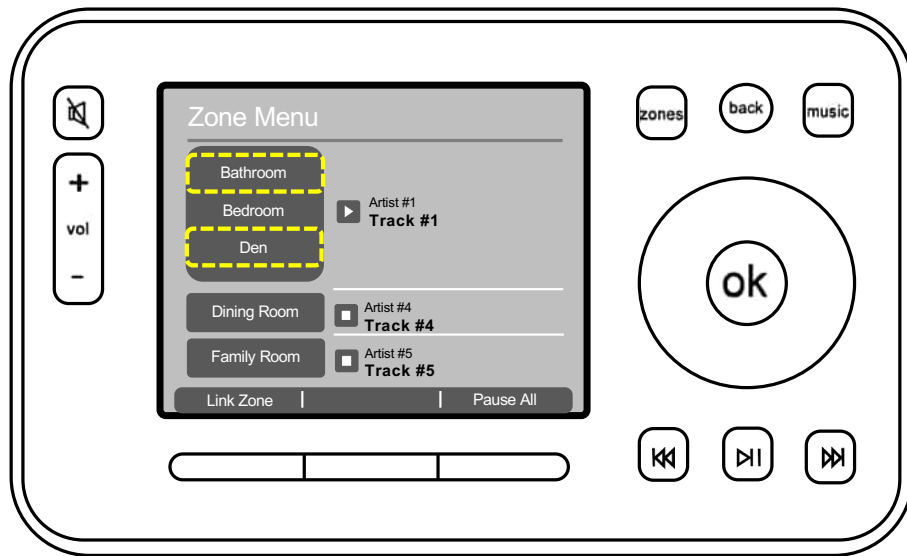
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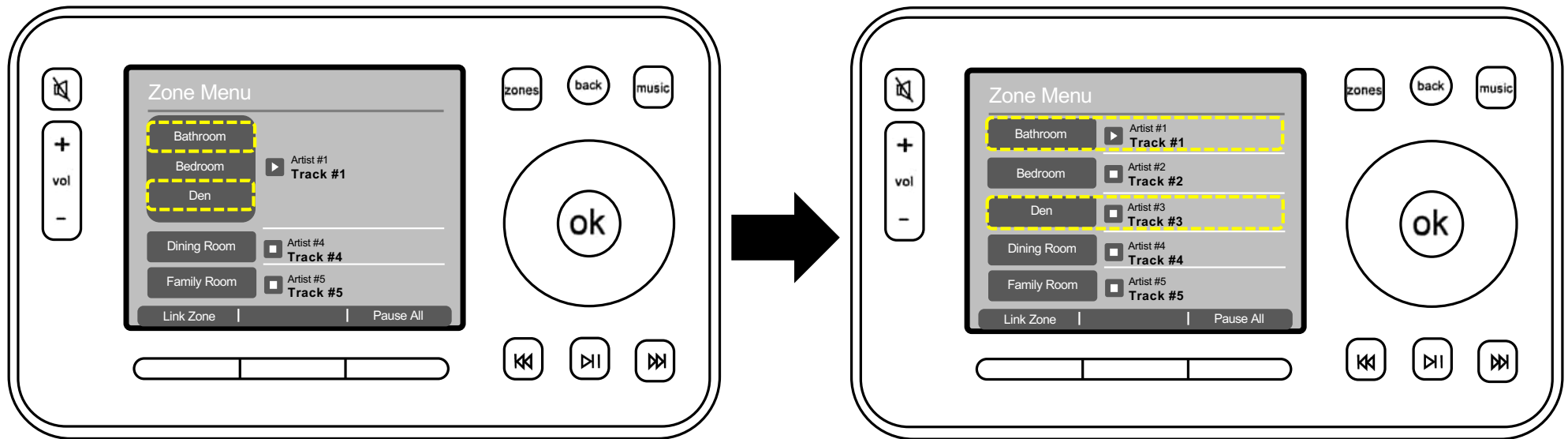
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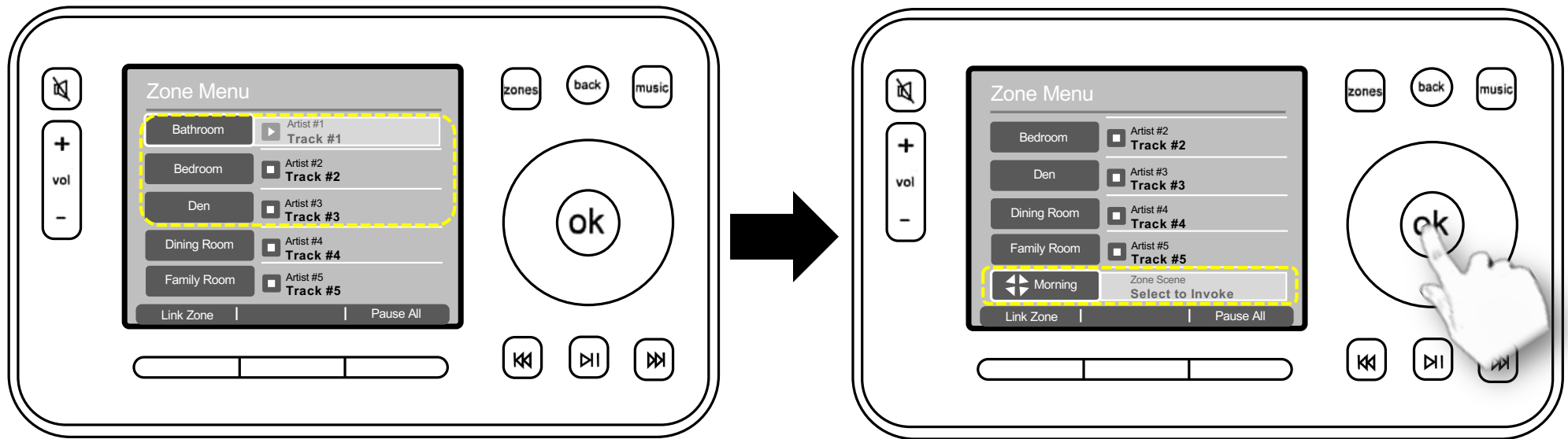
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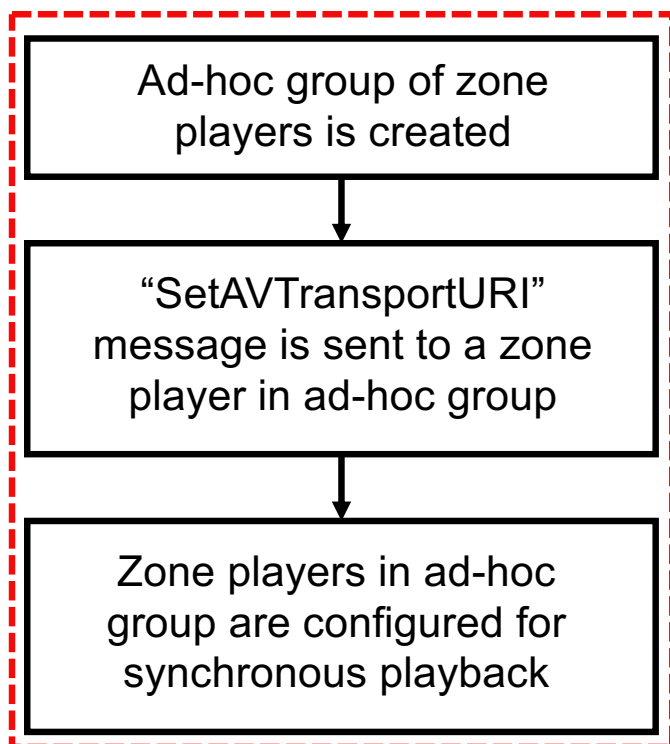


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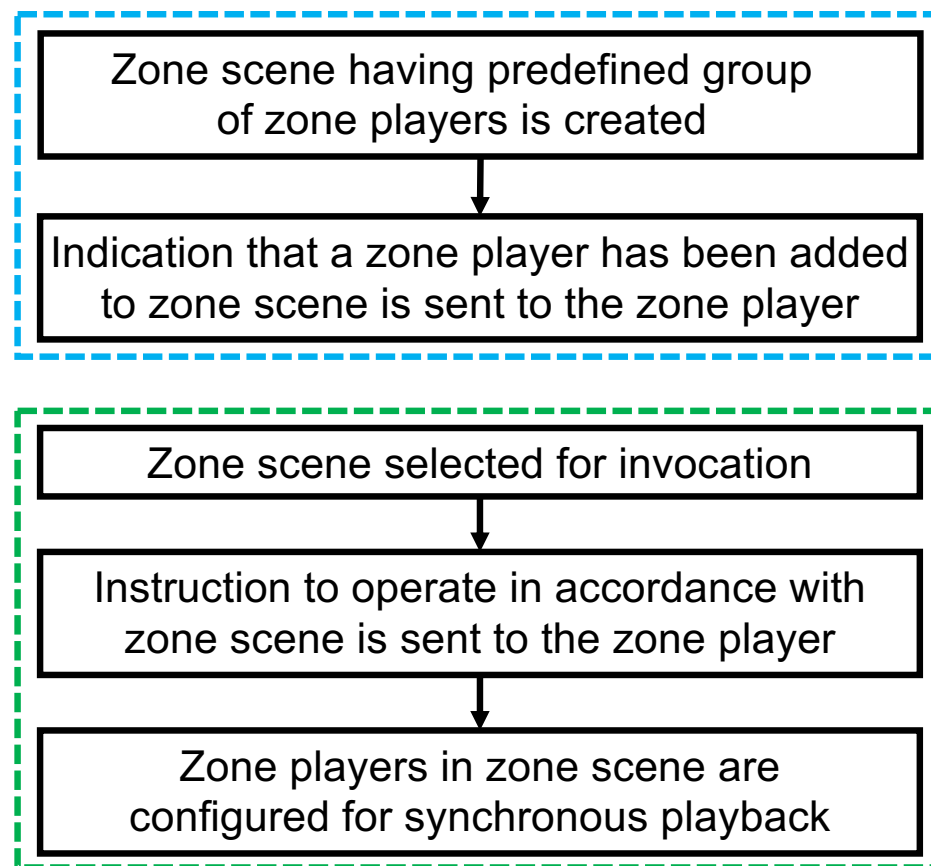


## Sonos's 2005 Ad-Hoc Grouping ≠ Sonos's Zone Scene Grouping

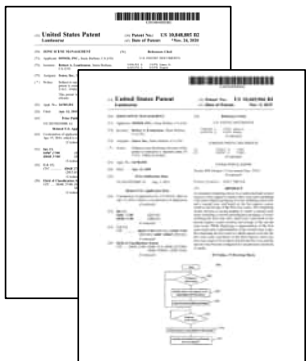
### Ad-Hoc Grouping



### Zone Scene Grouping



## Methodology – Validity of '885 and '966 Patents



### Sonos Patent Documents

- '885 and '966 Patents
- File Histories
- Claim Construction Material



### Prior Art Documentation

- Customer-Facing Literature
- Internal Documents
- Source Code



### Sworn Testimony

- Robert Lambourne, Sonos UX Director and inventor of '885 and '966 Patents
- Nick Millington, Sonos Chief Innovation Officer







### Physical Devices









- Sonos's System
- Squeezebox



# Assignment – Validity of '885 and '966 Patents

Asserted Claims	Alleged Prior Art	Invalid?
<p>Claim 1 of US 10,848,885 ('885 Patent)</p> <p>Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, and 16 of US 10,469,966 ('966 Patent)</p>	   	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p>

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## 2005 Sonos System



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# Squeezebox




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## Bose Lifestyle 50 System






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# Sonos's '645 Patent, Claim 1

	
(12) United States Patent Lambertini et al.	(10) Patent No.: US 9,141,645 B2 (22) Date of Patent: Sep. 22, 2015
(54) USER INTERFACE FOR CONTROLLING AND MANIPULATING CONTENT IN A MULTI-ZONE MEDIA SYSTEM	(57) ABSTRACT A user interface for controlling and manipulating content in a multi-zone media system. The user interface includes a display and a user input device. The display displays a first zone group configuration. The user input device receives a first user input selecting a first zone of the plurality of zones. The first user input instructs the first zone of the plurality of zones to play a first multimedia content. The user interface receives, via the user interface, a second user input, the second user input identifying at least one additional zone of the plurality of zones to be grouped with the first zone into a zone group, such that the zone group will synchronously play the first multimedia content currently being played by the first zone. The user interface transmits, to a zone player of the zone group via a packet network, a modified zone group configuration, wherein the modified zone group configuration causes the zone player of the zone group to configure the zones in the zone group to synchronize playback of the first multimedia content currently being played by the first zone; and display, on the user interface, an indication of which of the plurality of zones are part of the zone group.

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	<b>Bose Lifestyle</b> + POSITA + Nourse + Rajapakse + Millington	

## Claim 1 of '885 Patent

- [1.0] A first zone player comprising:
- [1.1] a network interface that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one data network;
- [1.2] one or more processors;
- [1.3] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and
- [1.4] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the first zone player to perform functions comprising:
- [1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:
- [1.6] (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and
- [1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;
- [1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;
- [1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and
- [1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.



## Claim 1 of '885 Patent

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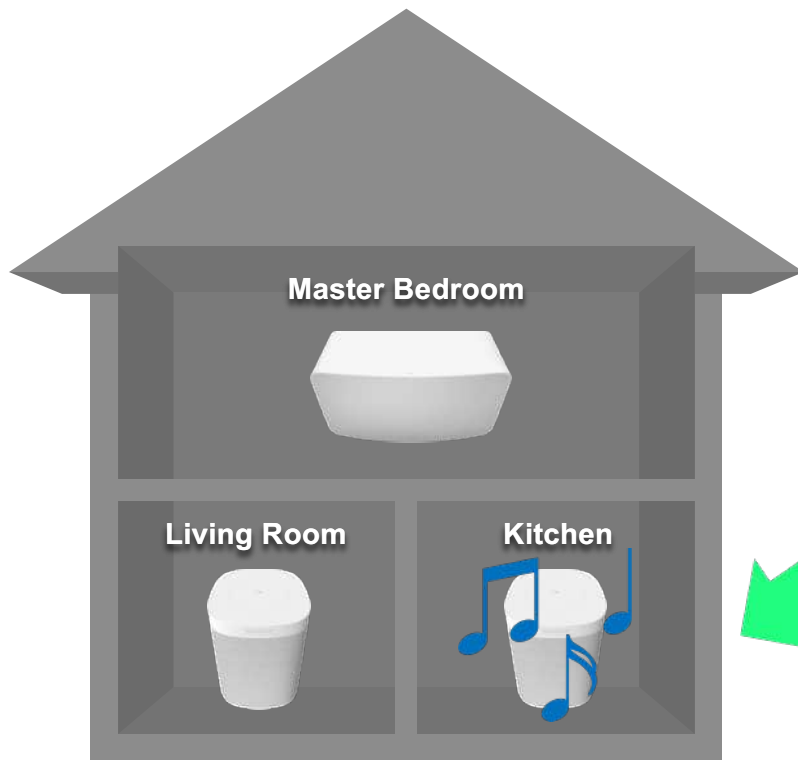
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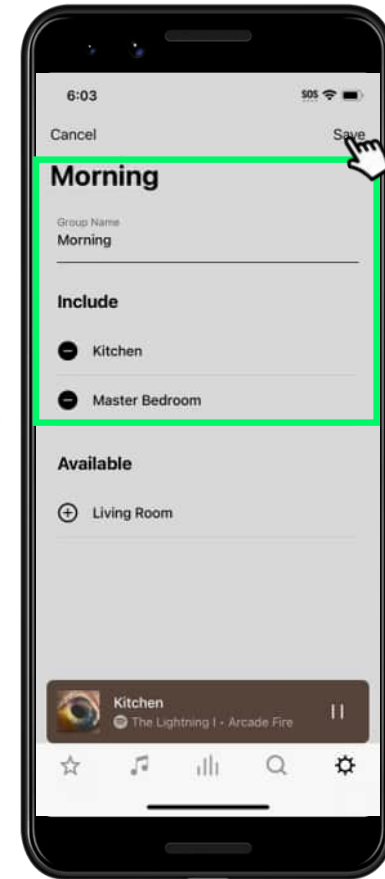
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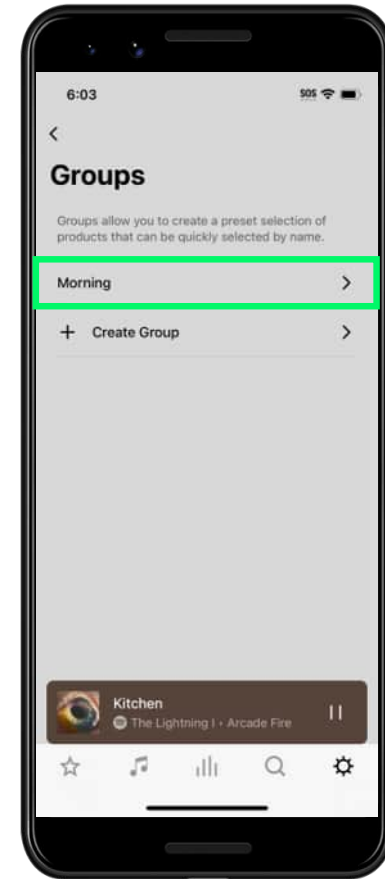
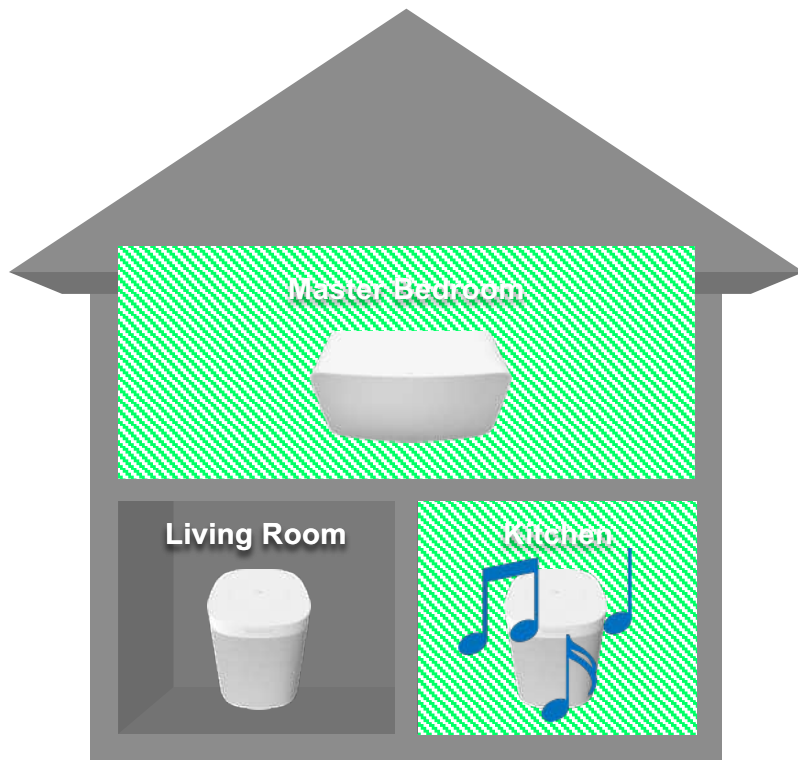
## Sonos's "Zone Scene" Grouping



CreateArea message



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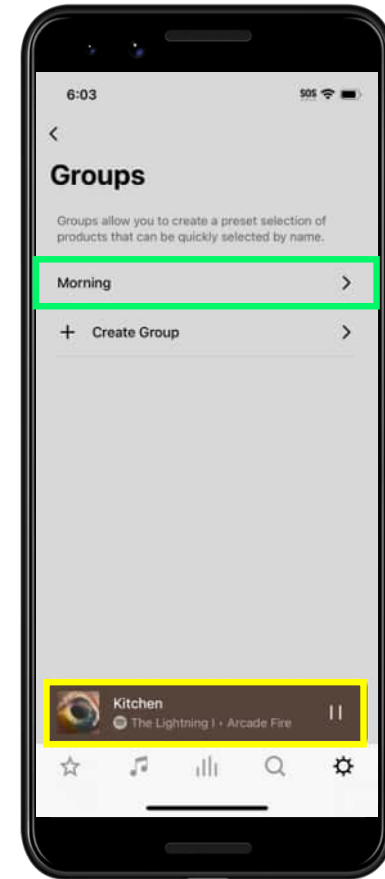
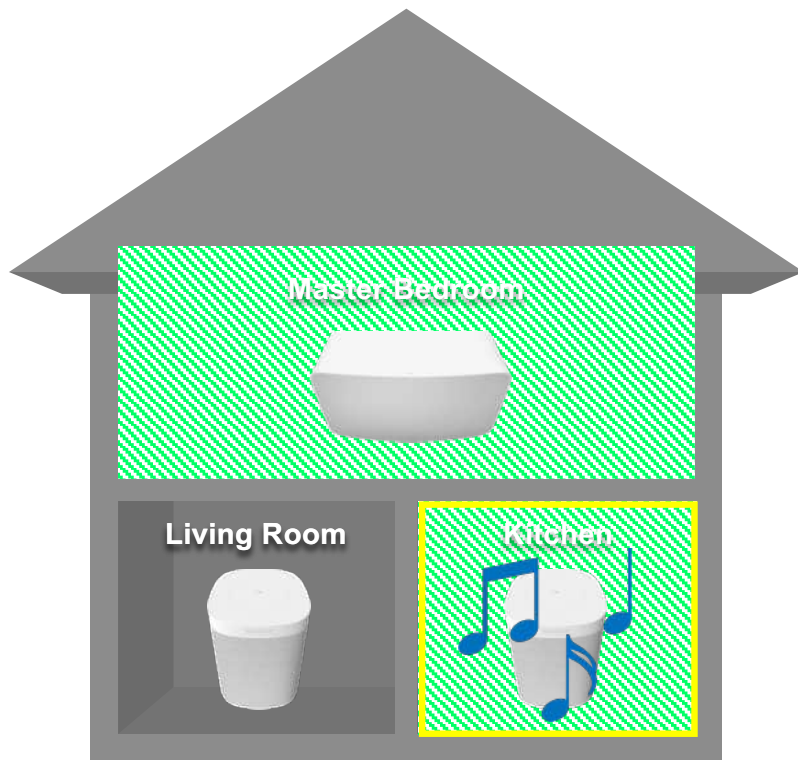
## Save groups

You can save a group of rooms that you frequently group together and create a shortcut in the Groups menu. Saving groups is only available in the Sonos S2 app for iOS or Android on systems with three or more rooms. From the ⚙ **Settings** tab, tap **System** > **Groups** to manage your saved groups. Follow the steps below to create, edit, delete, or play to a saved group.

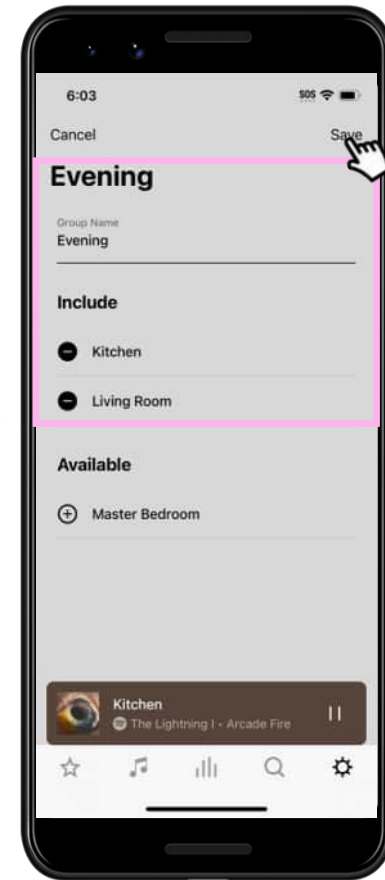
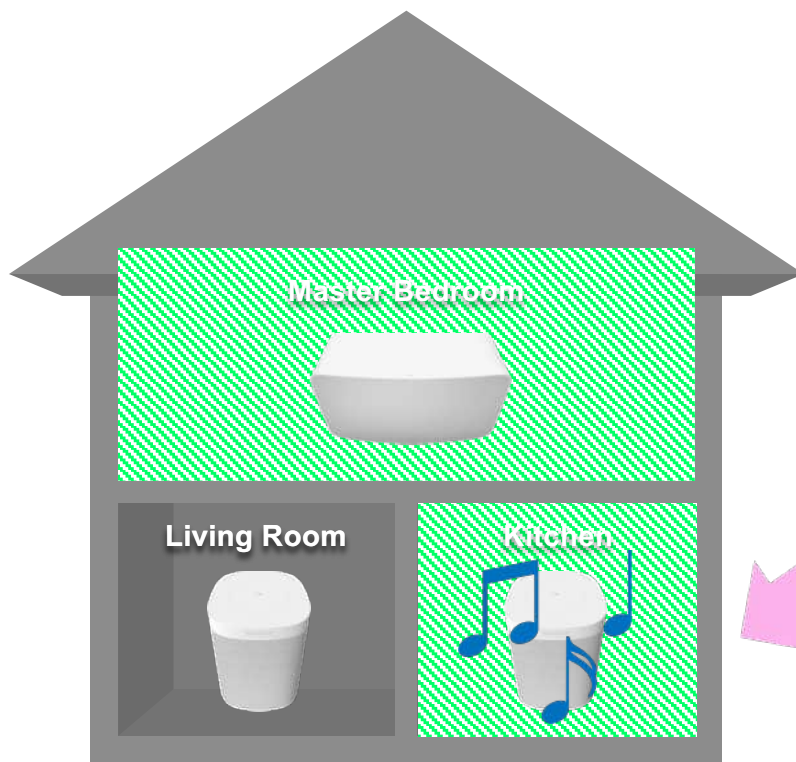
## Create a group

1. Tap **Create Group**.
2. Tap the rooms you want to include in your saved group.
3. Give your group a name and tap **Save**.

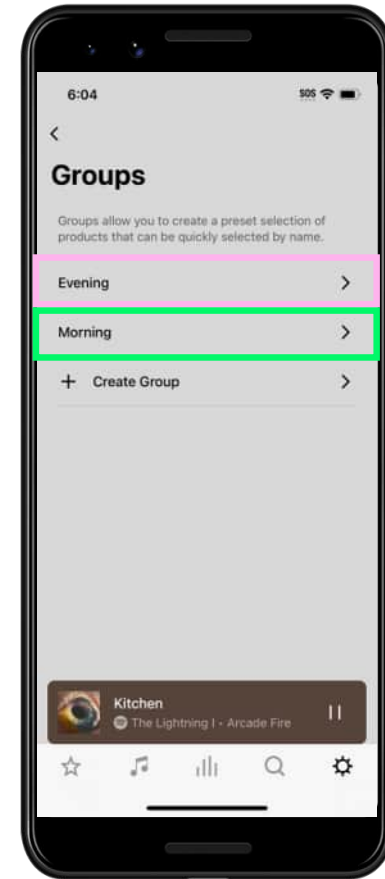
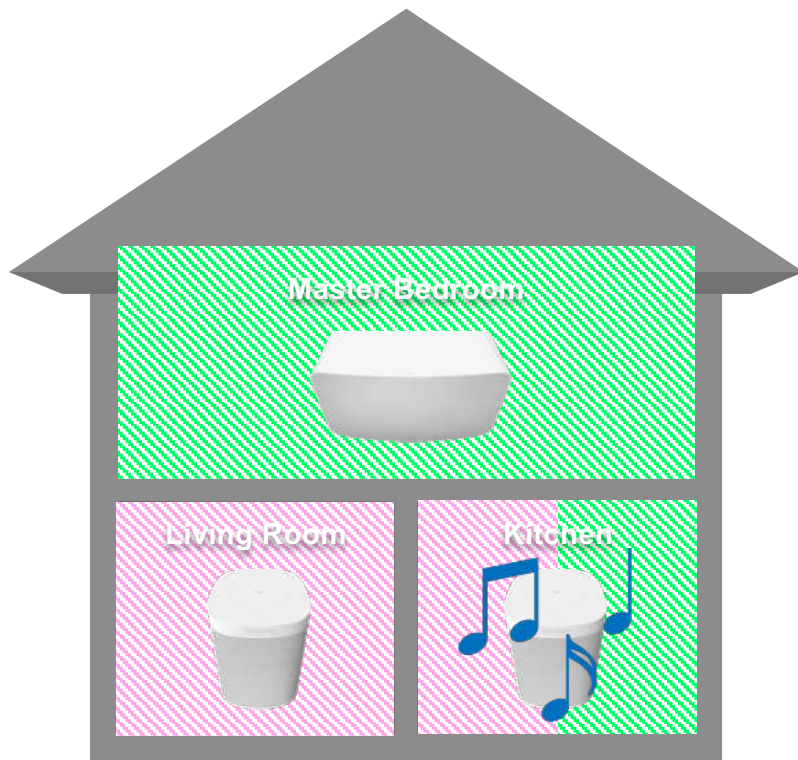
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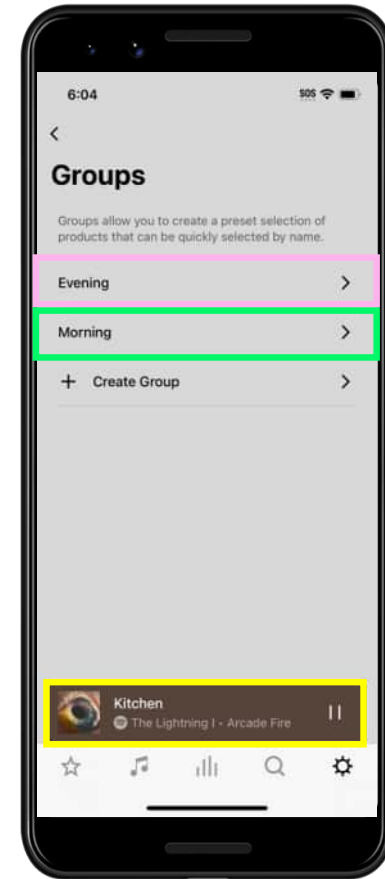
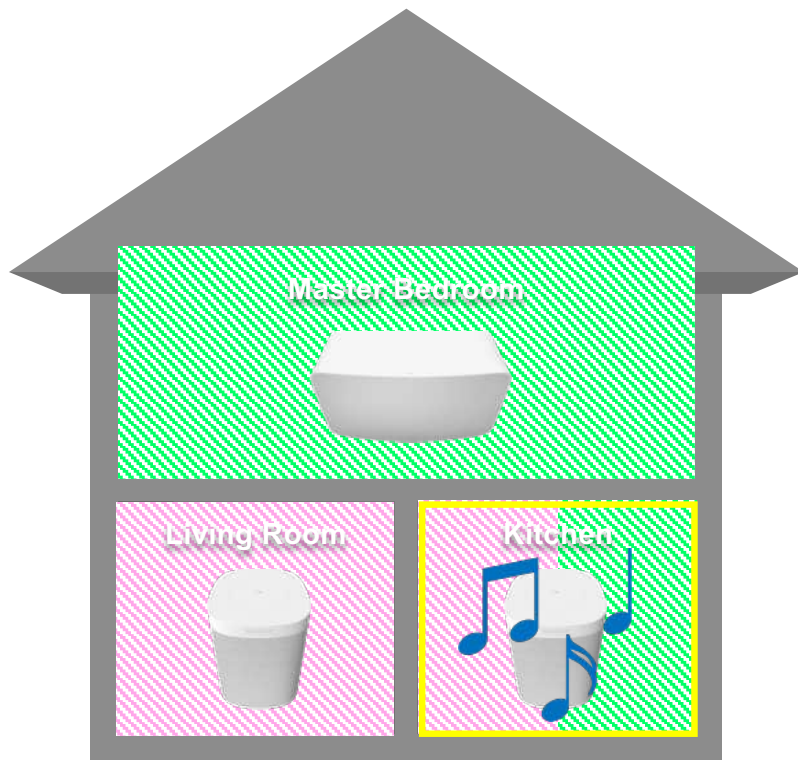
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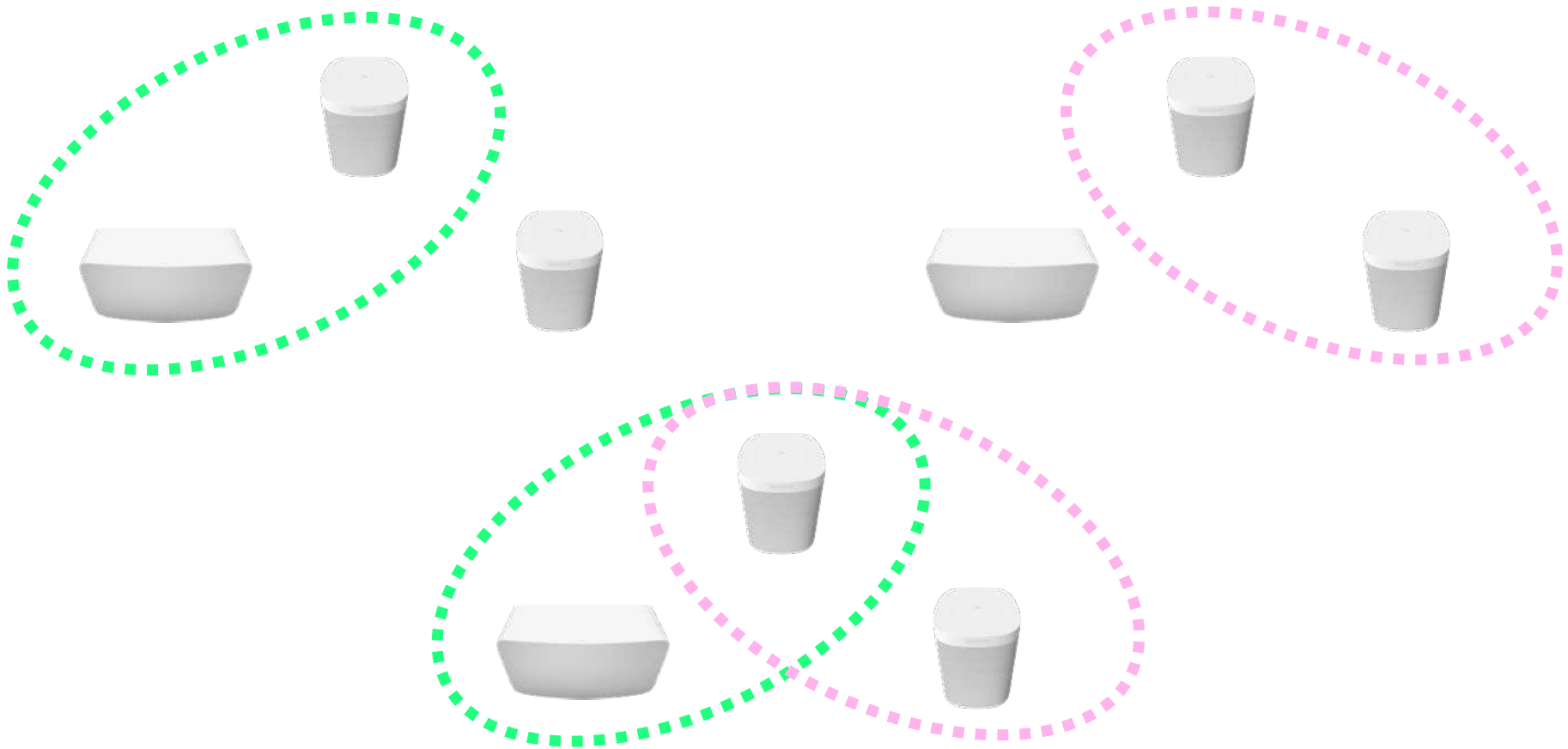
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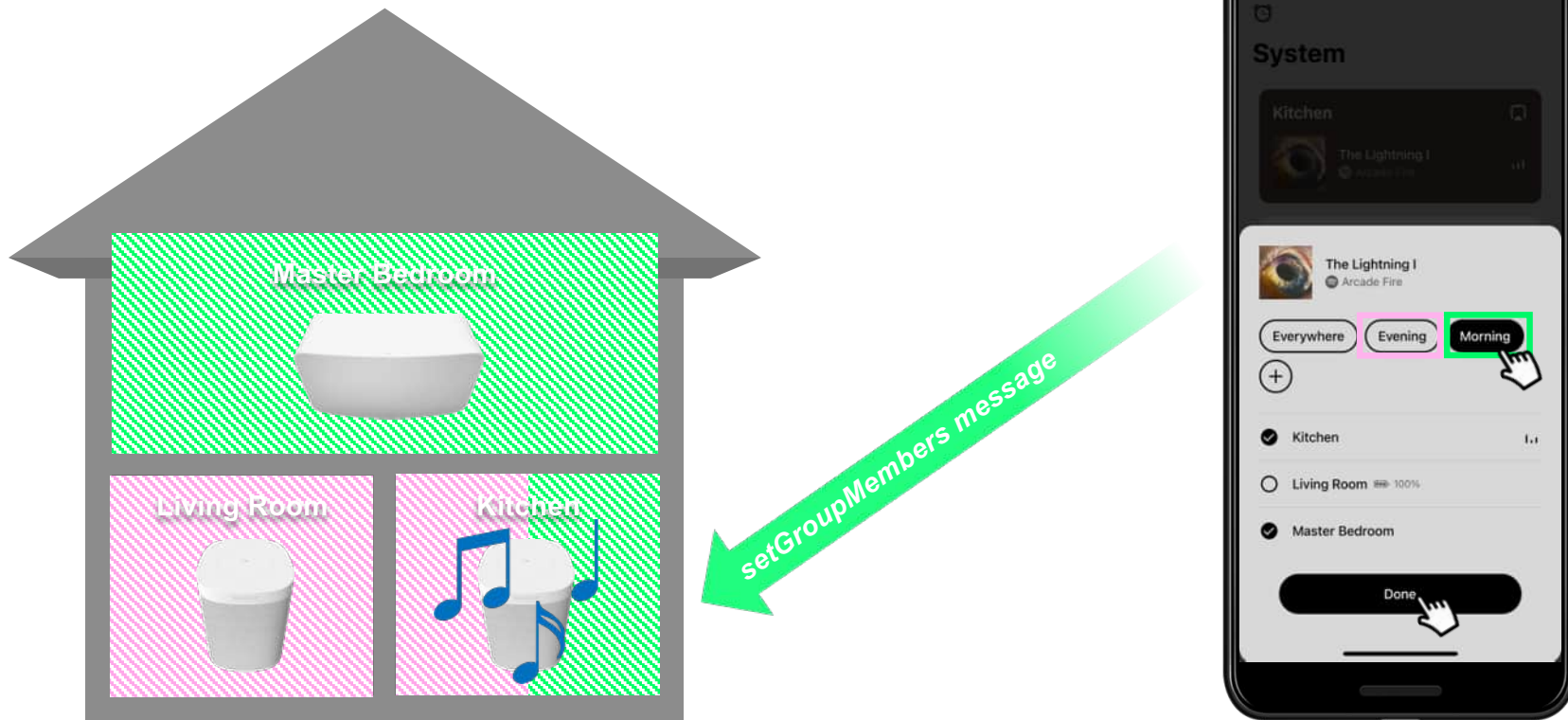
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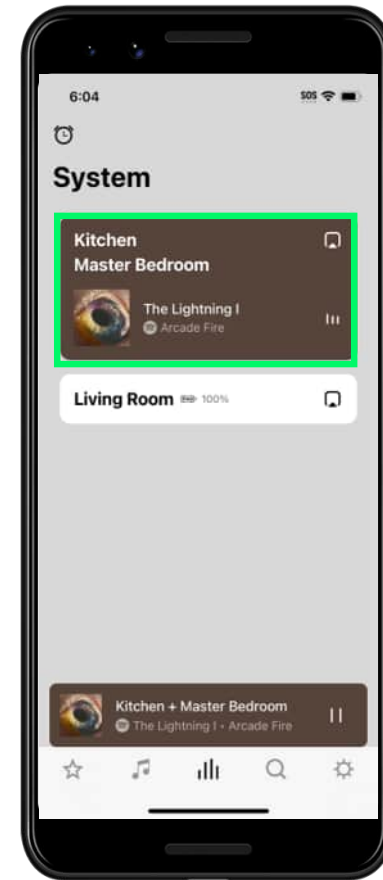
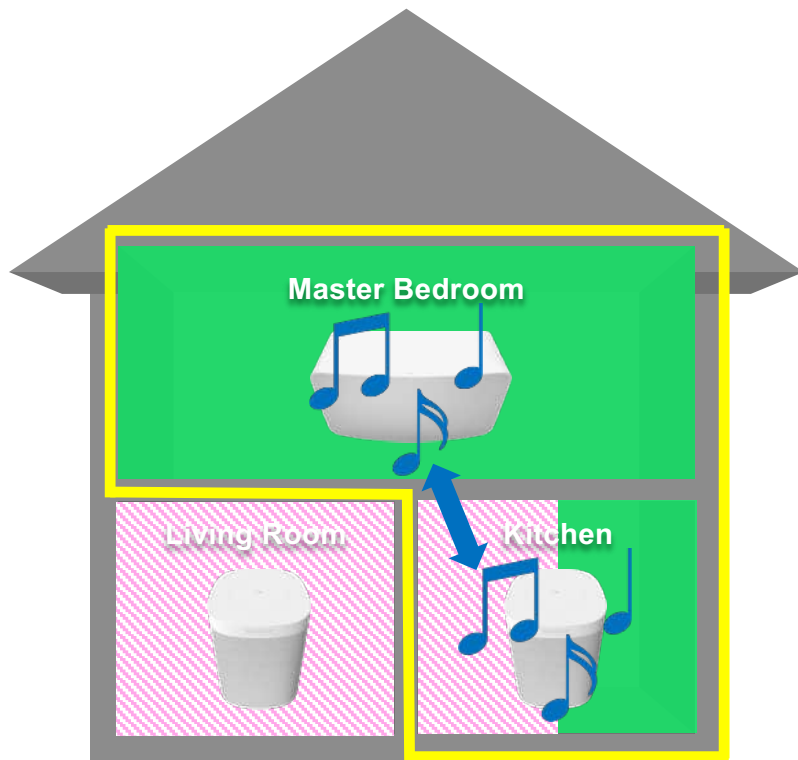
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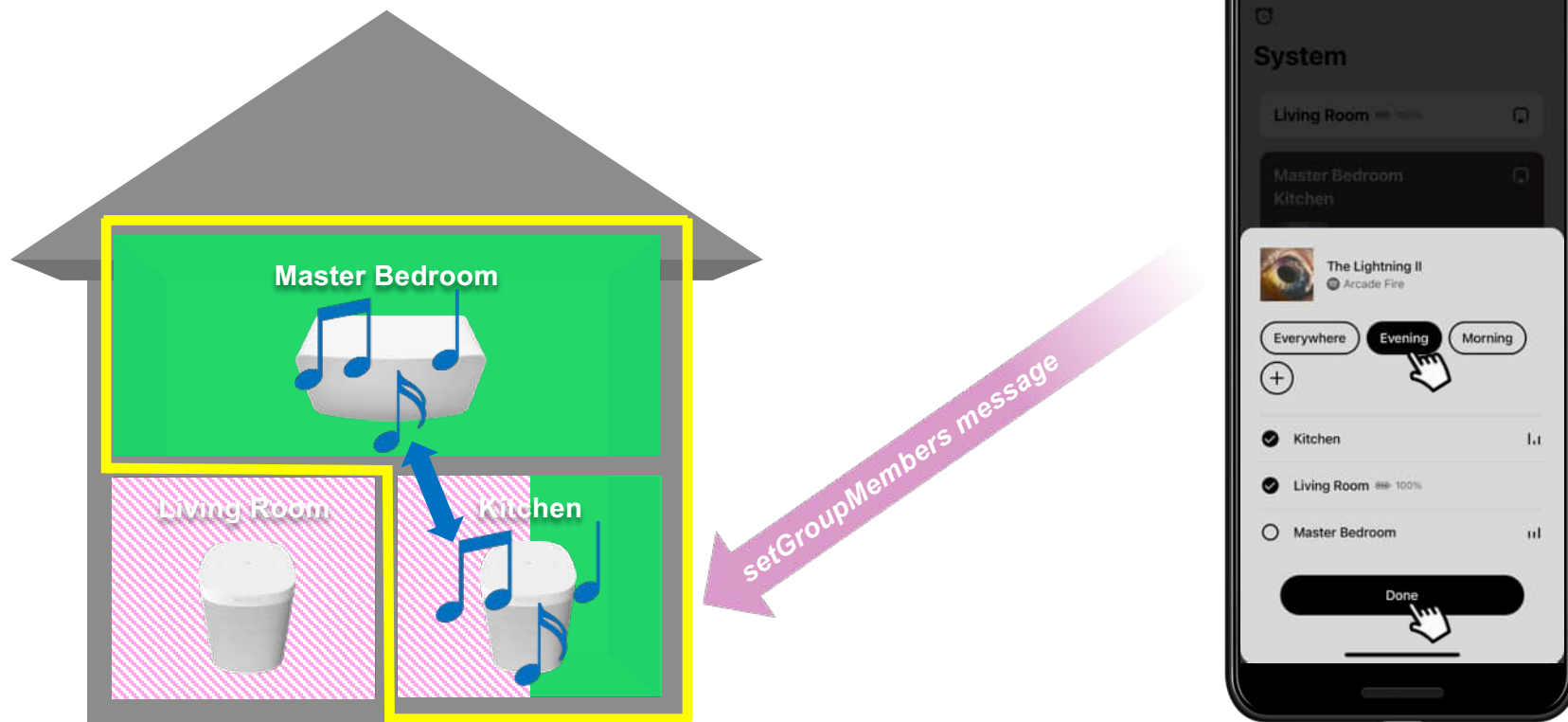


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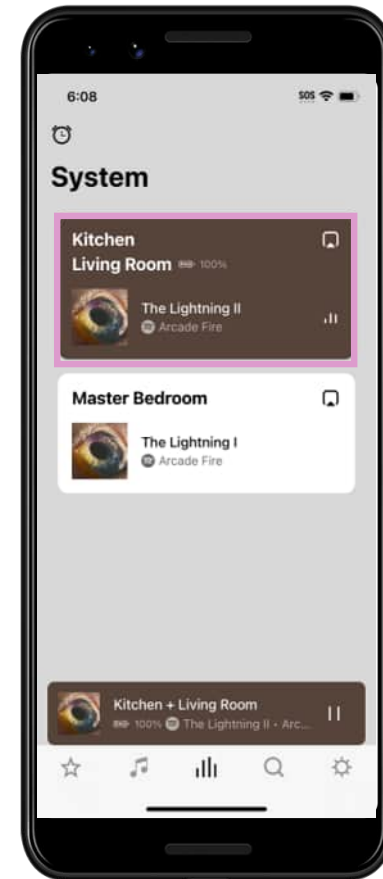
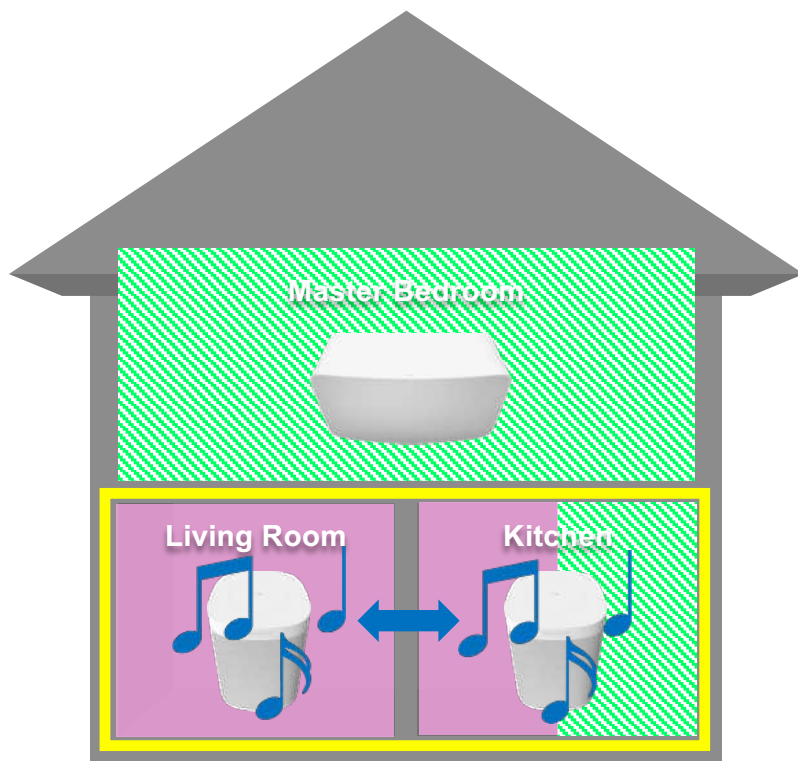




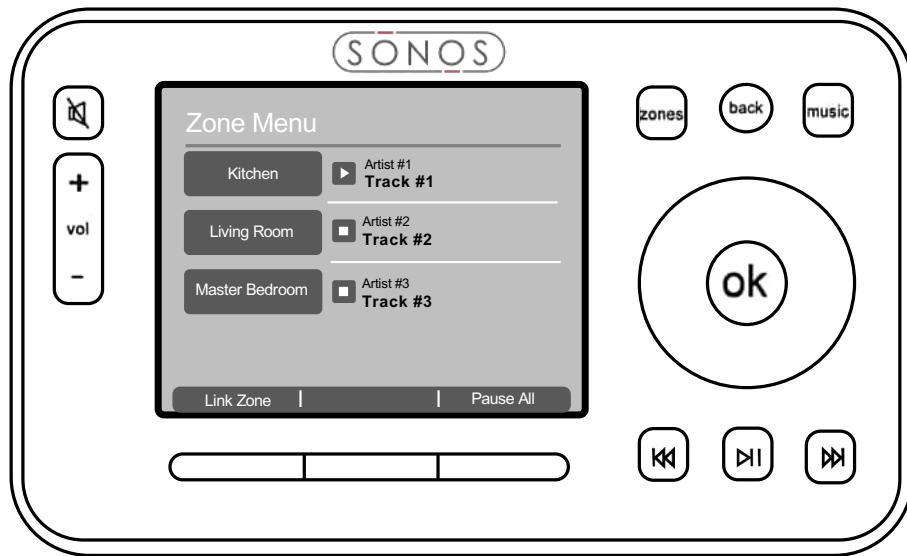
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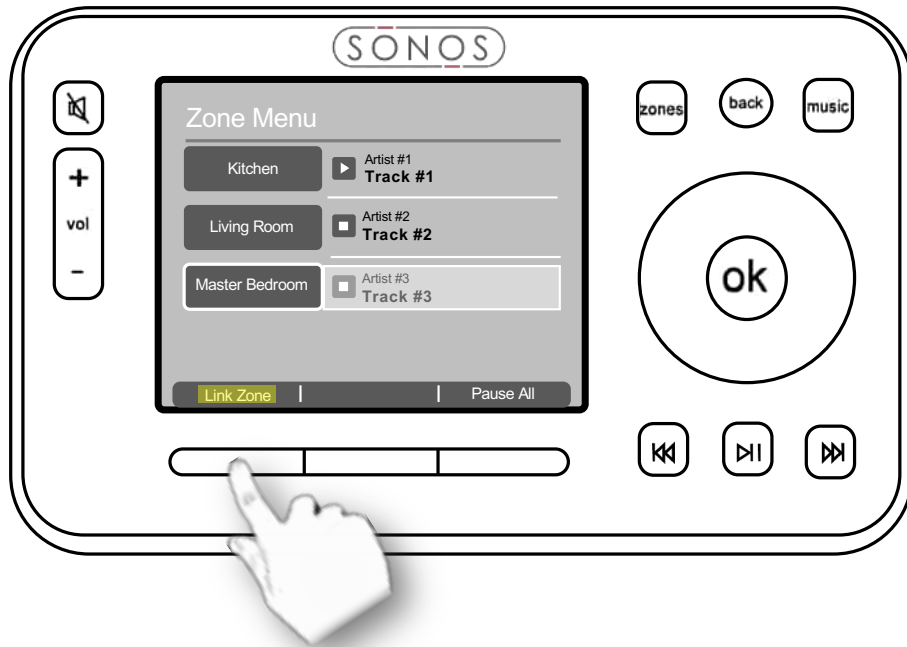
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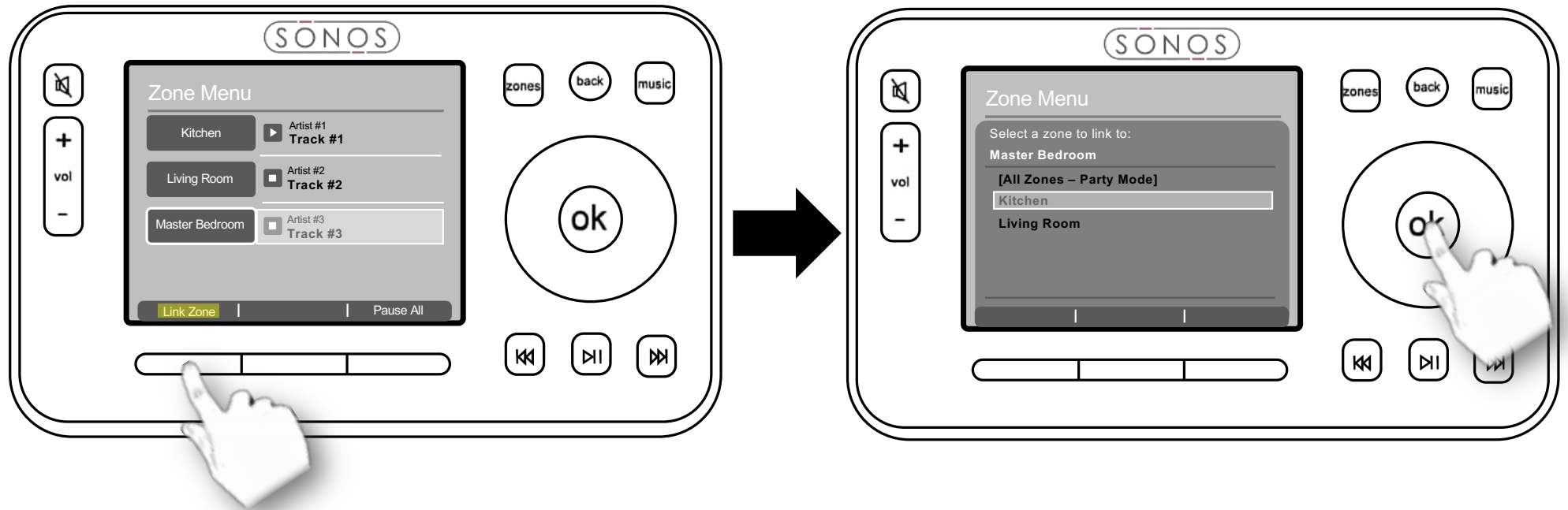
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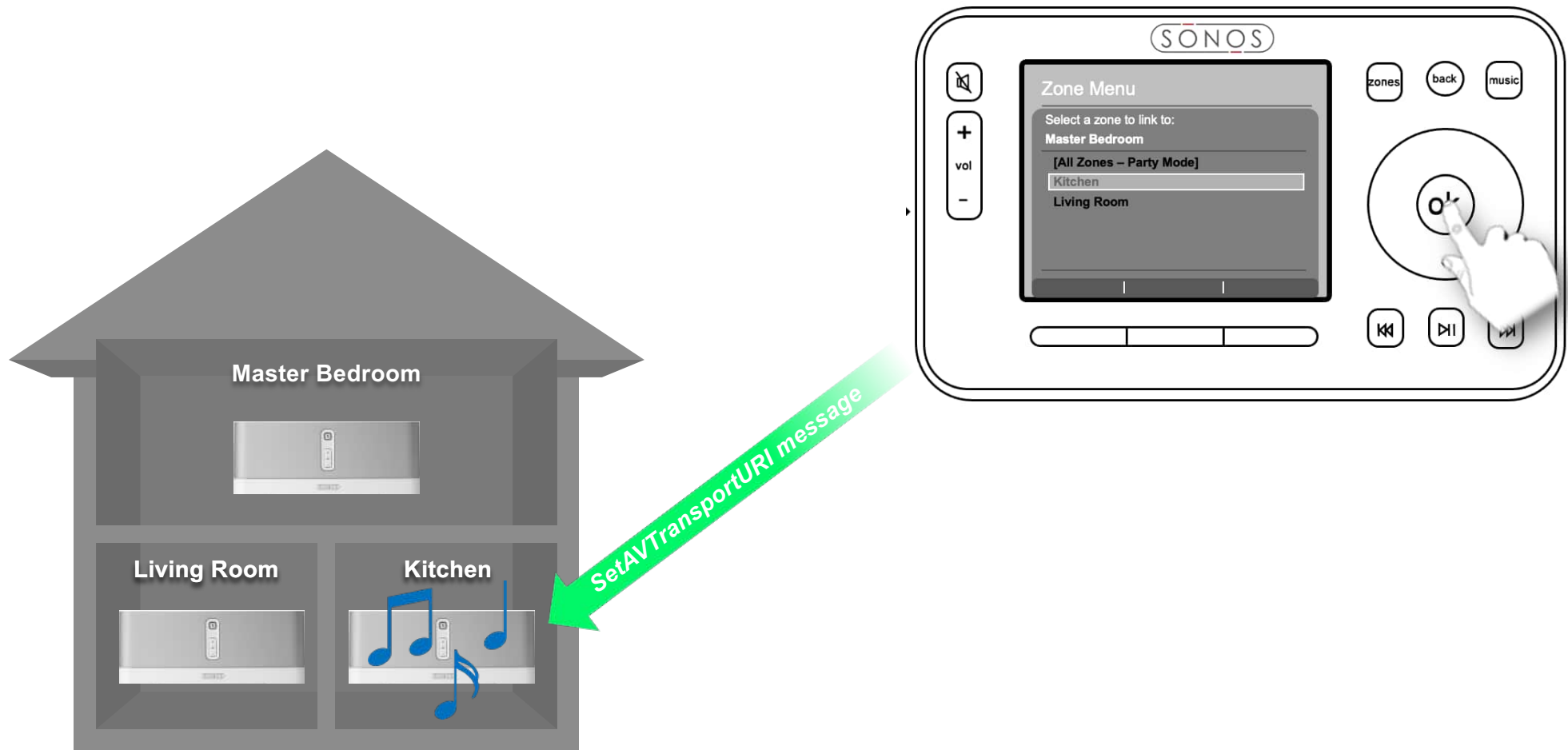
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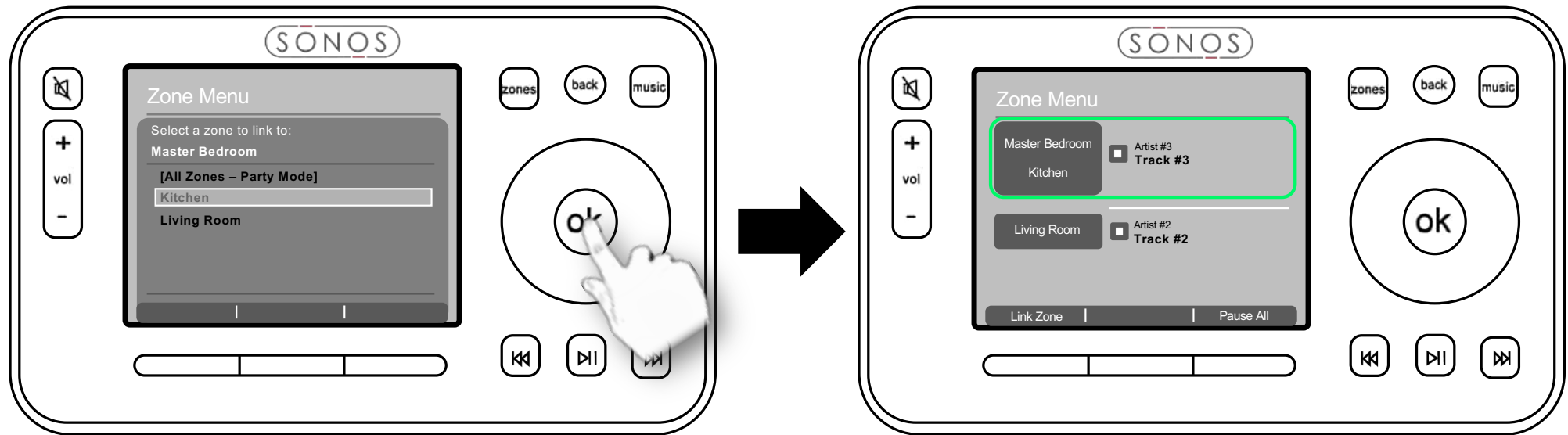
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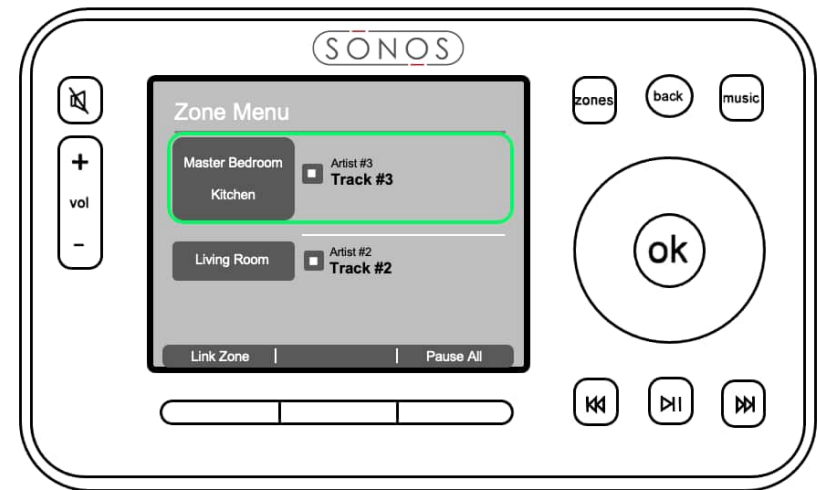
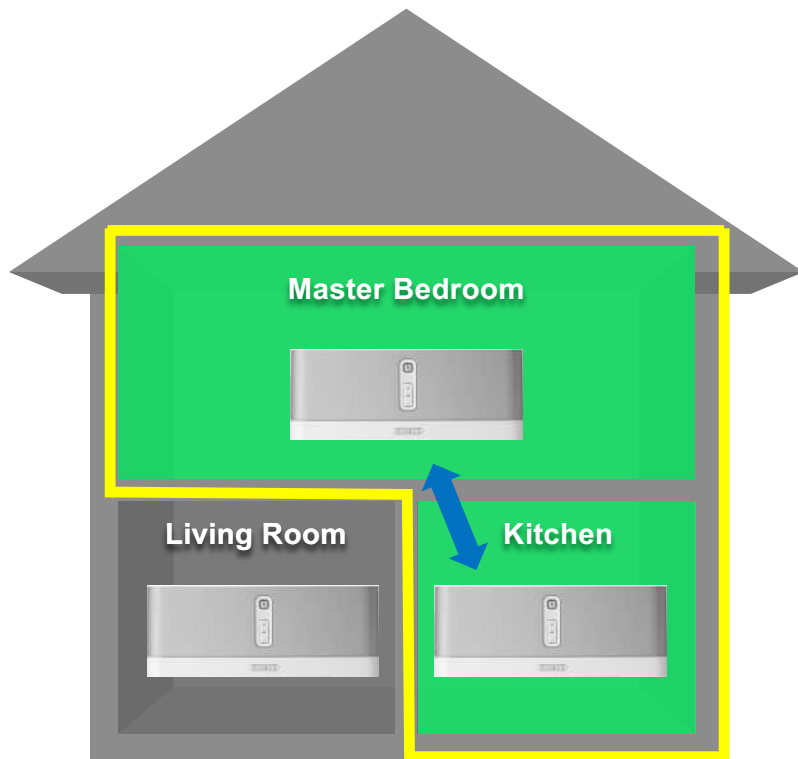
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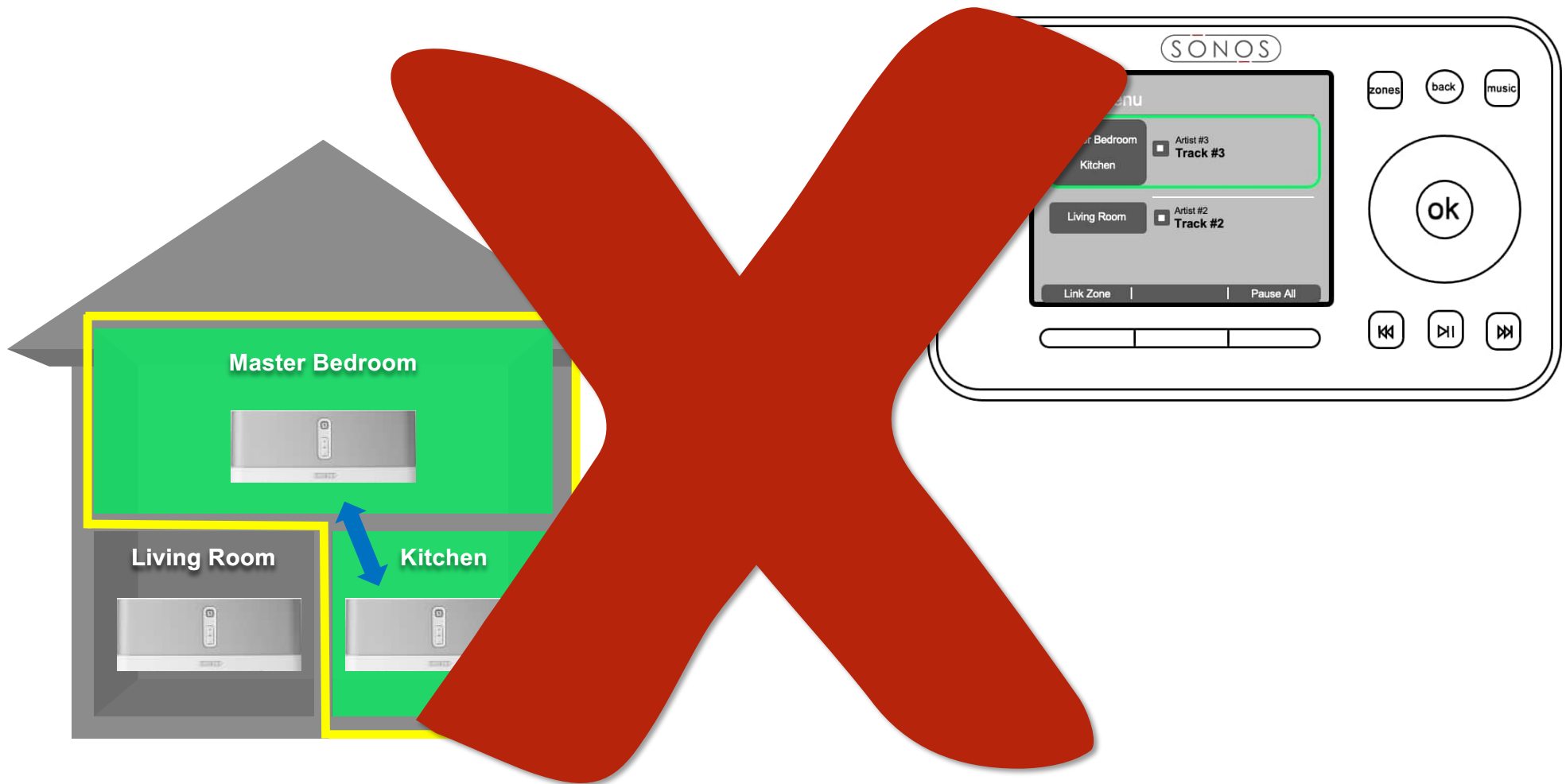


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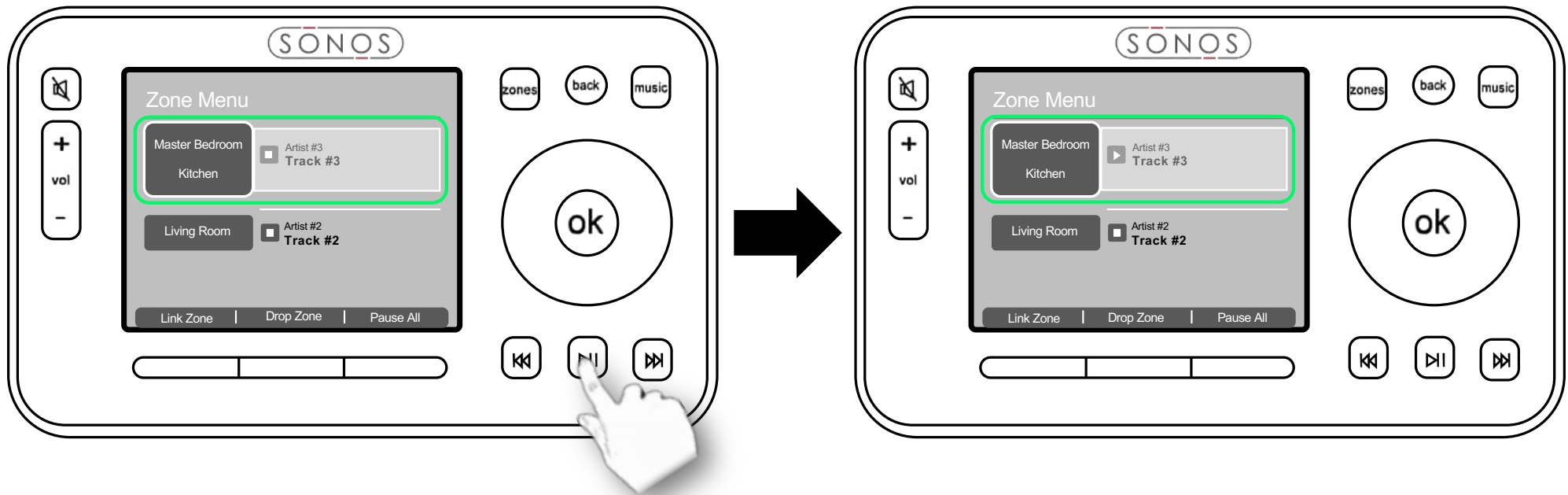




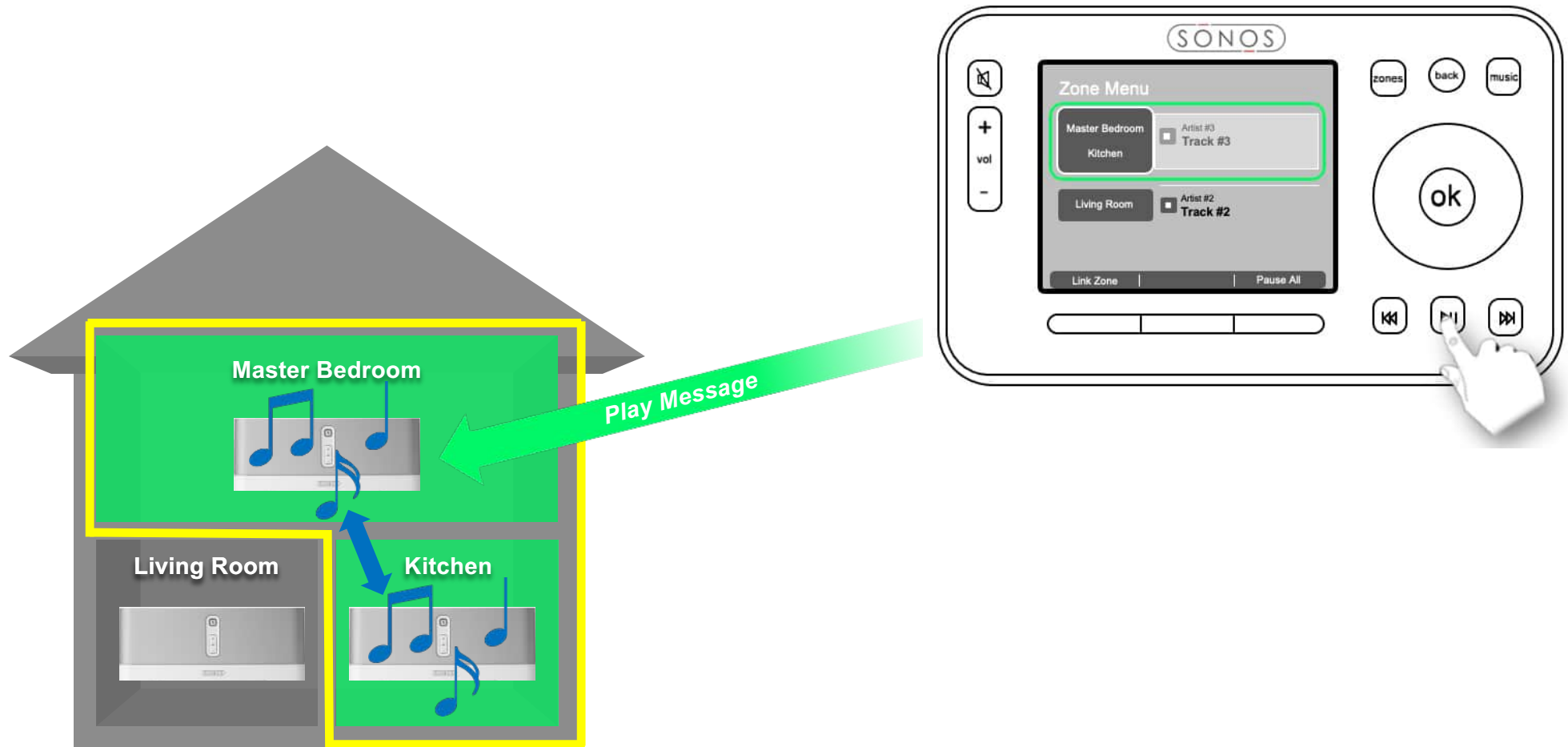
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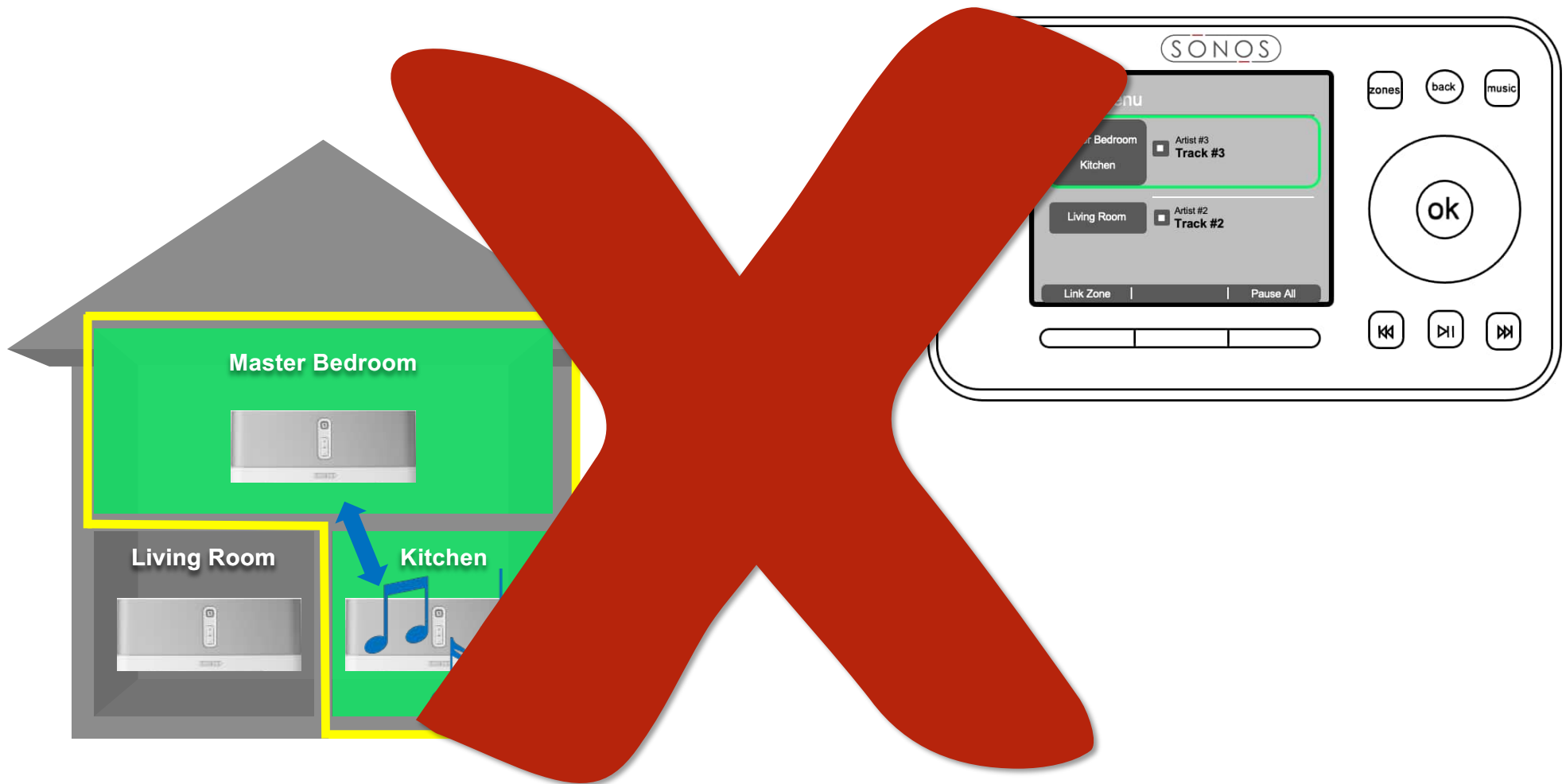
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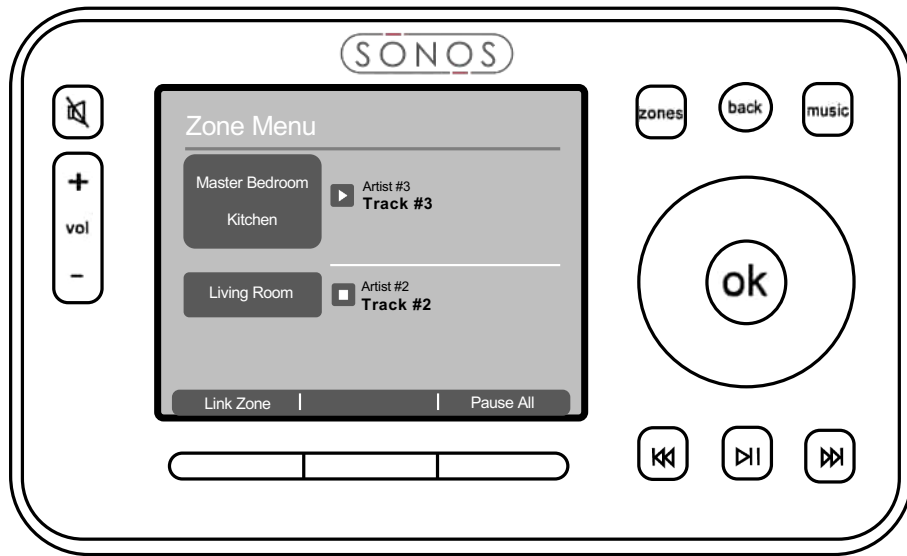
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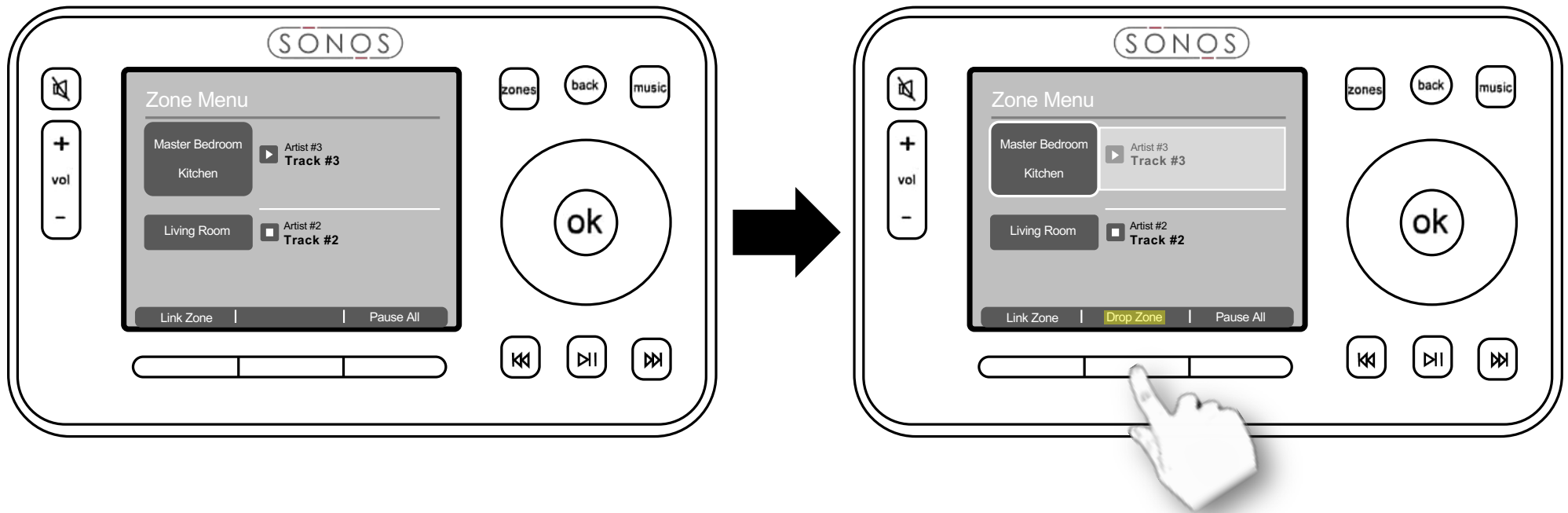
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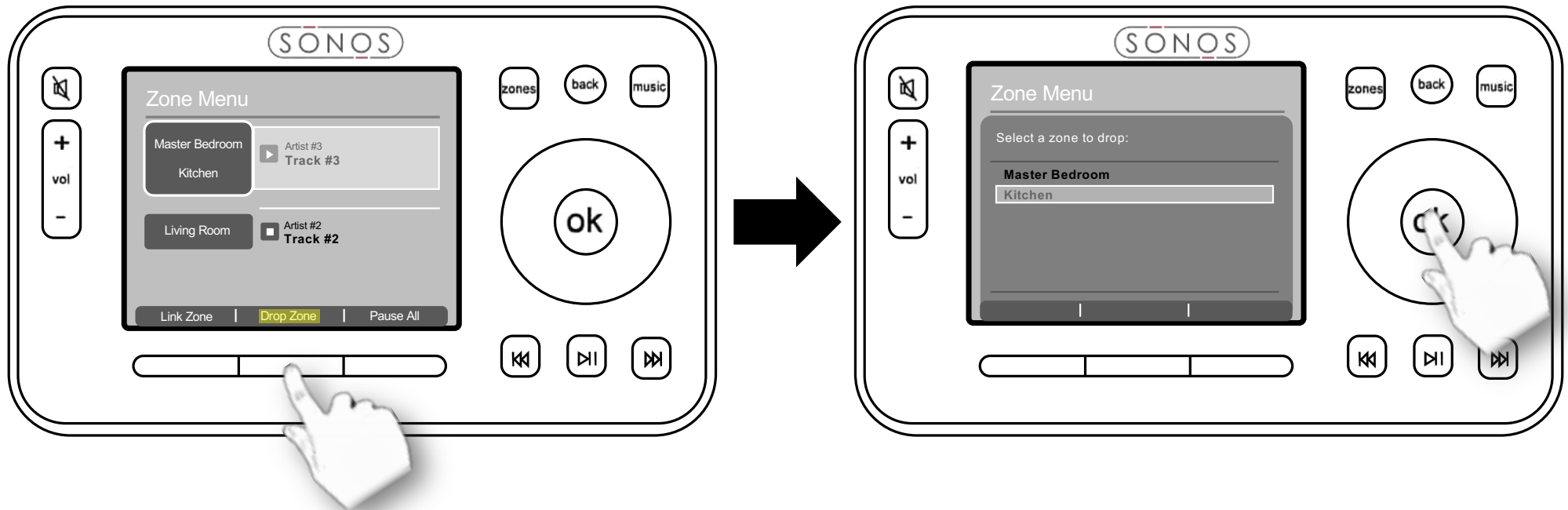
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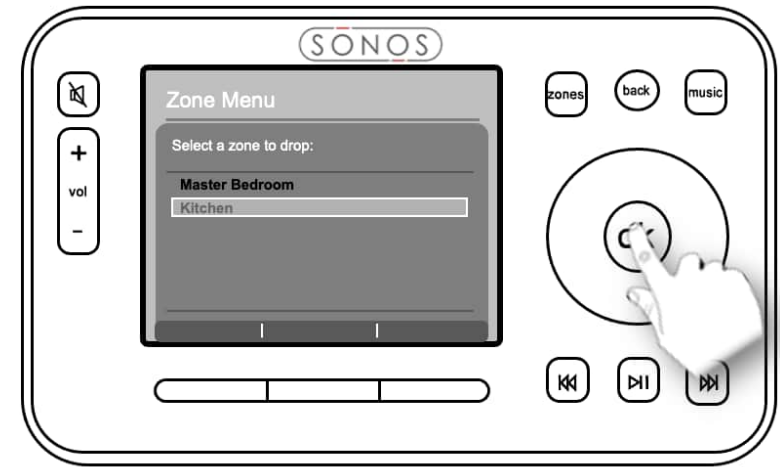
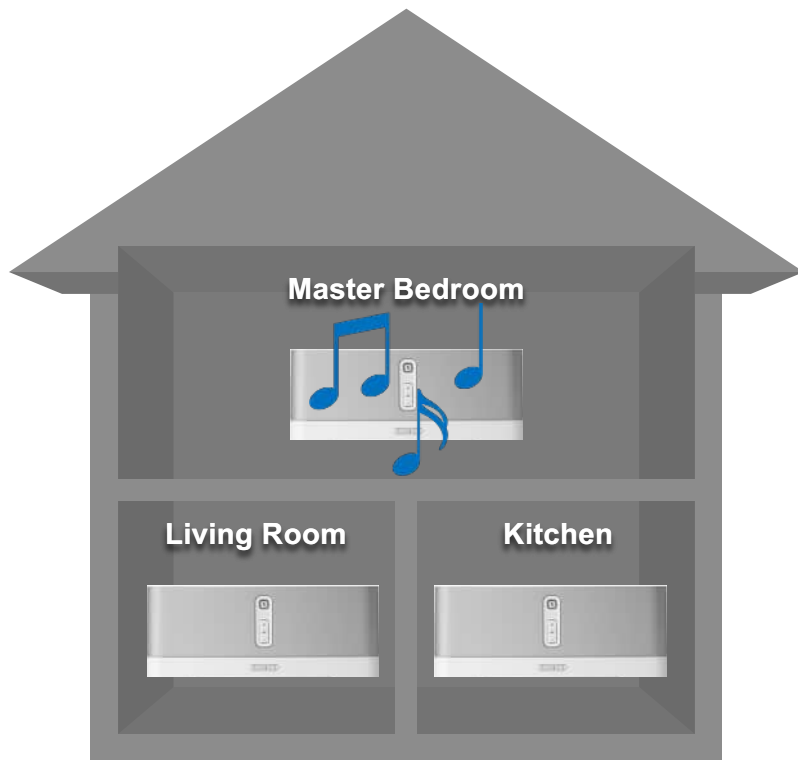
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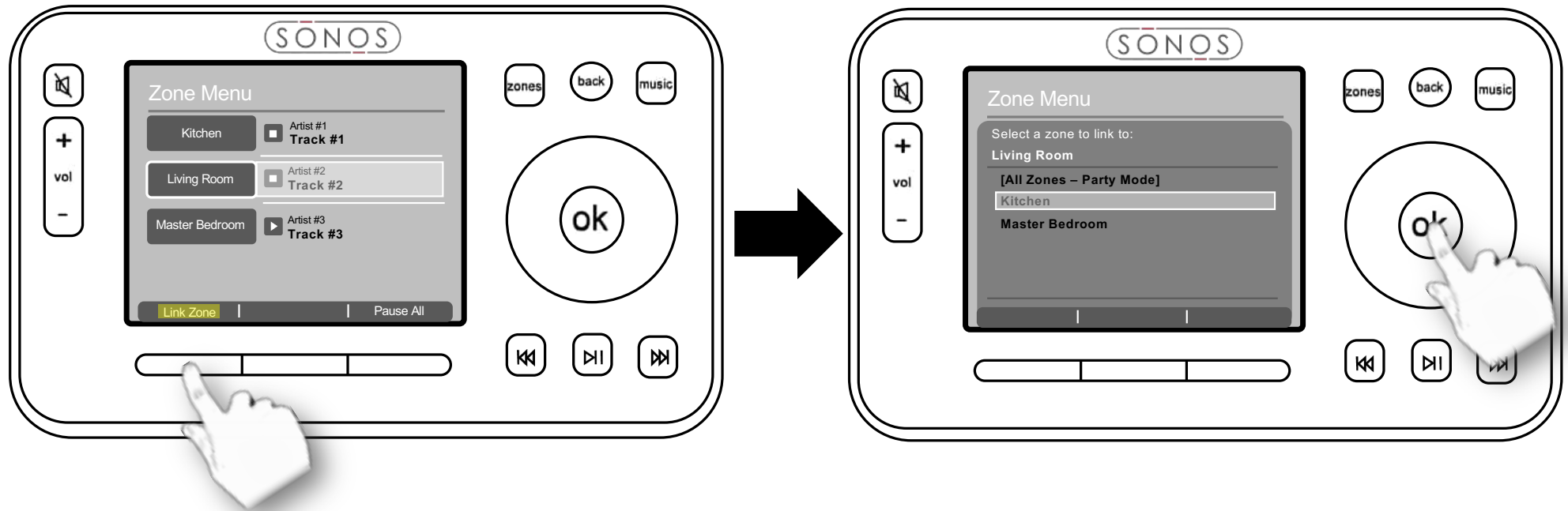


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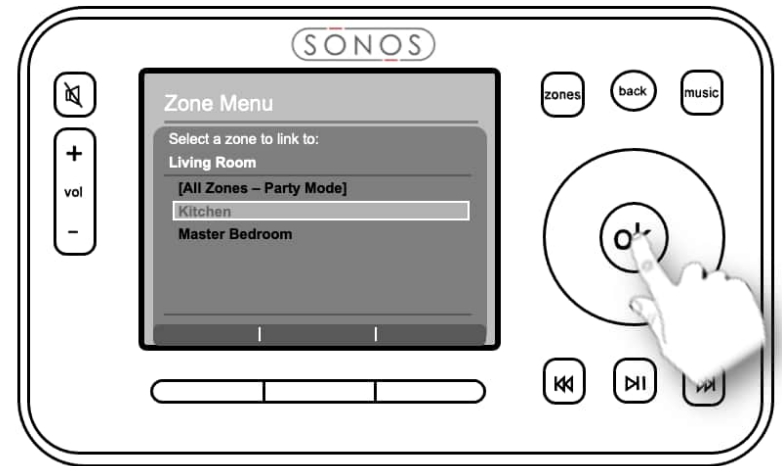
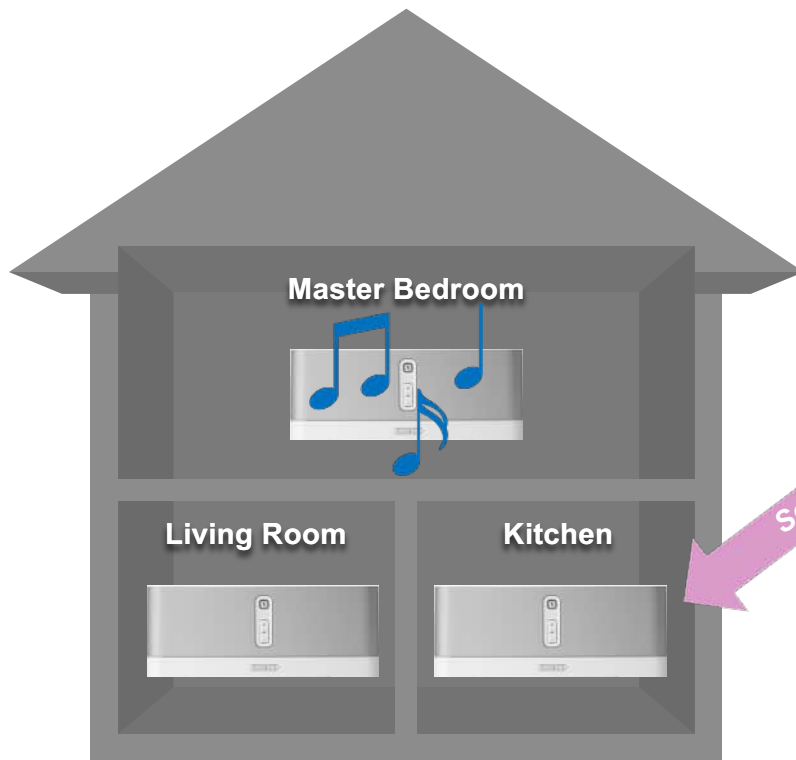




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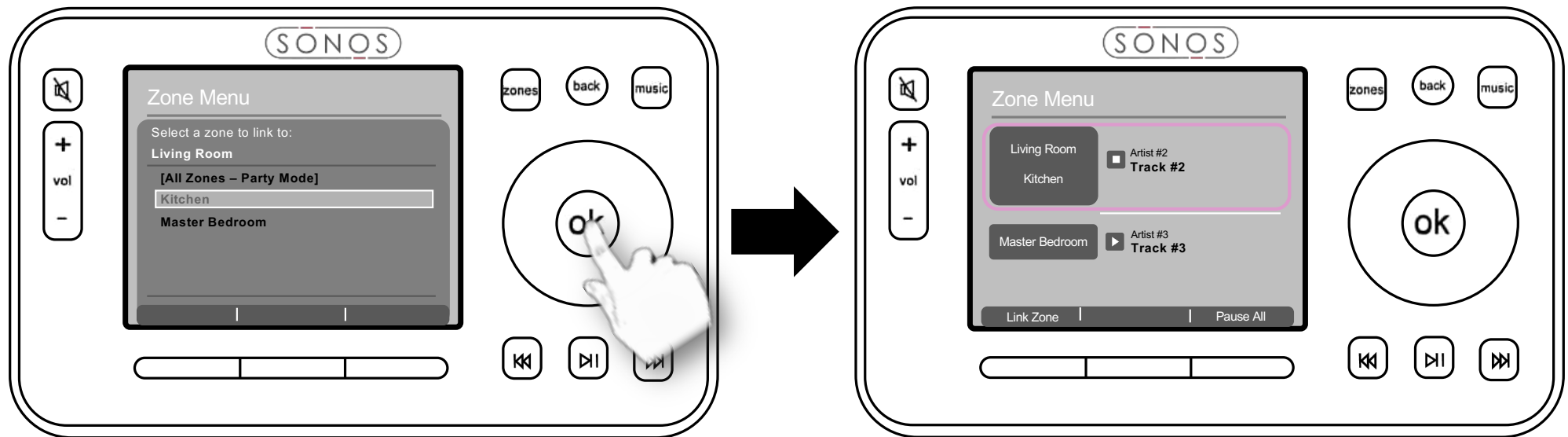


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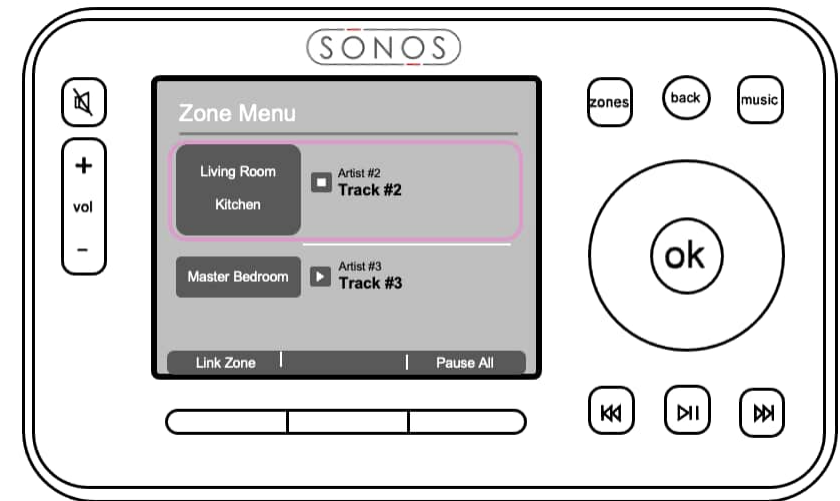
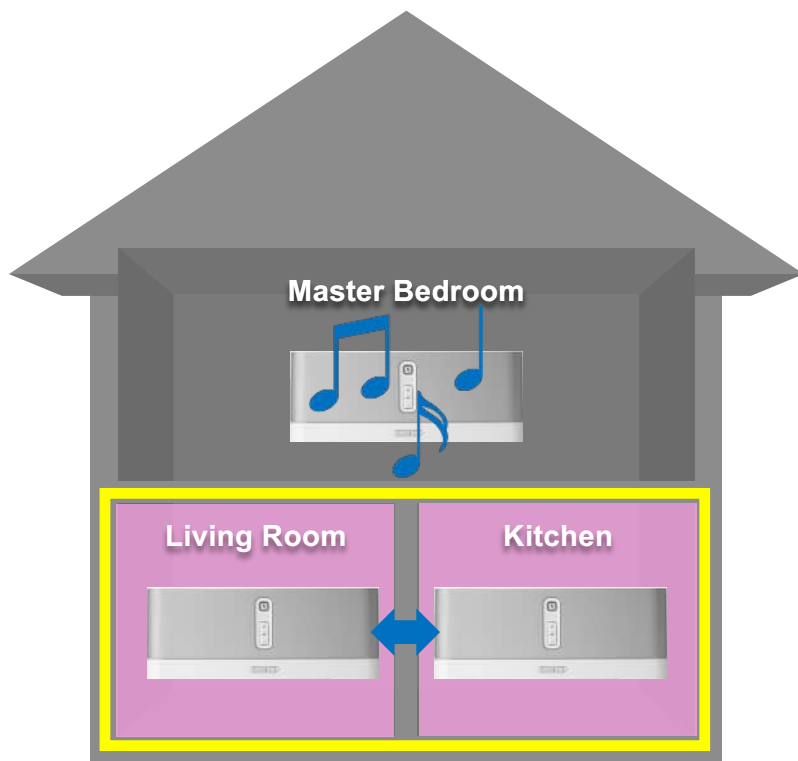


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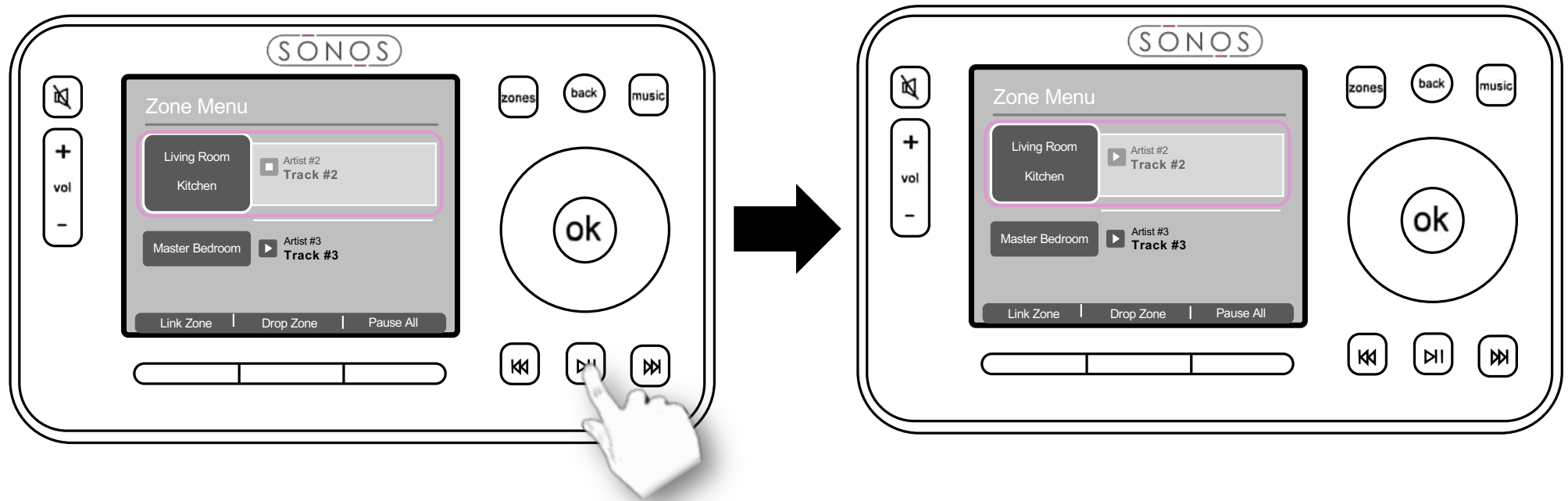
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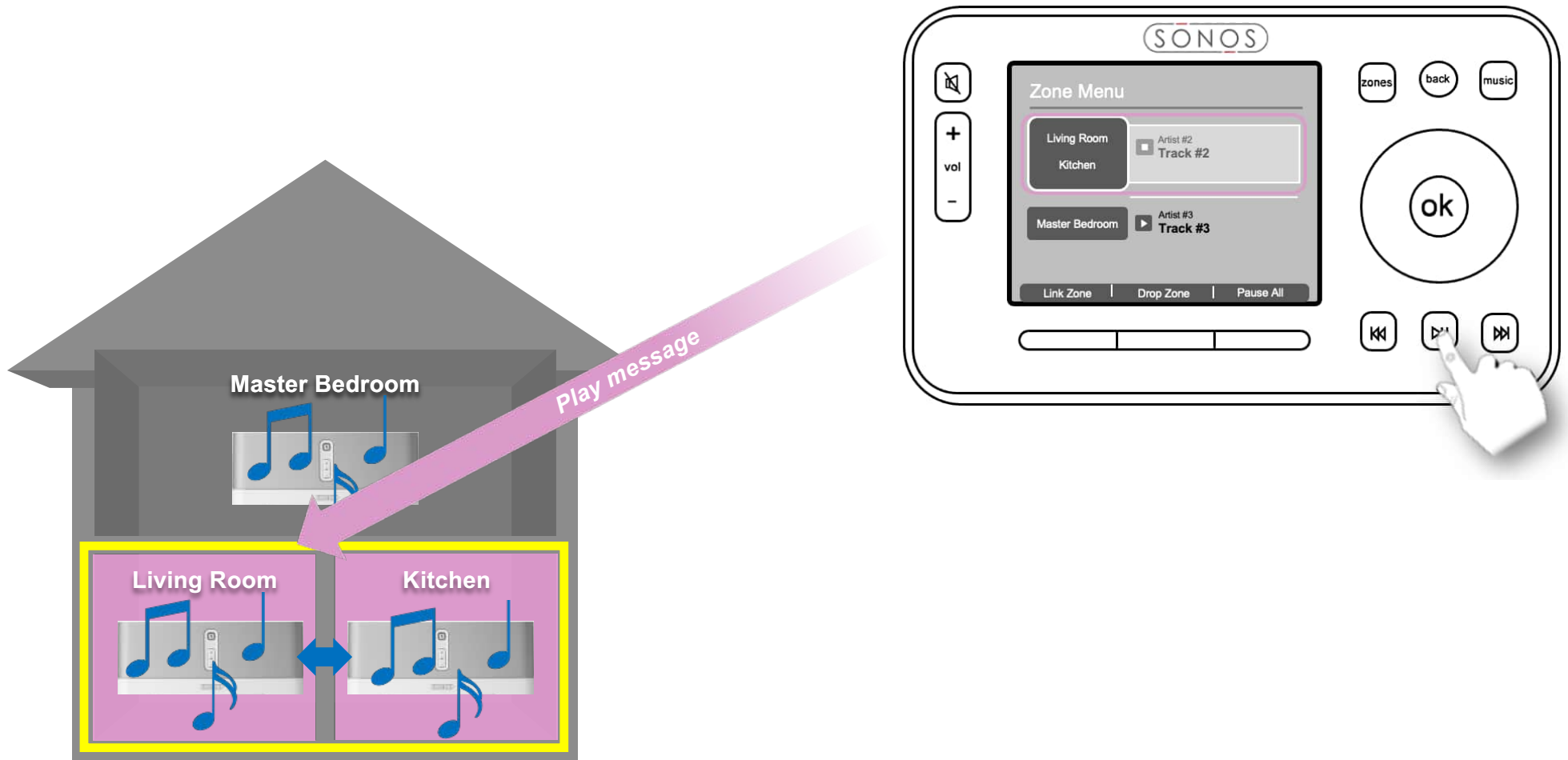
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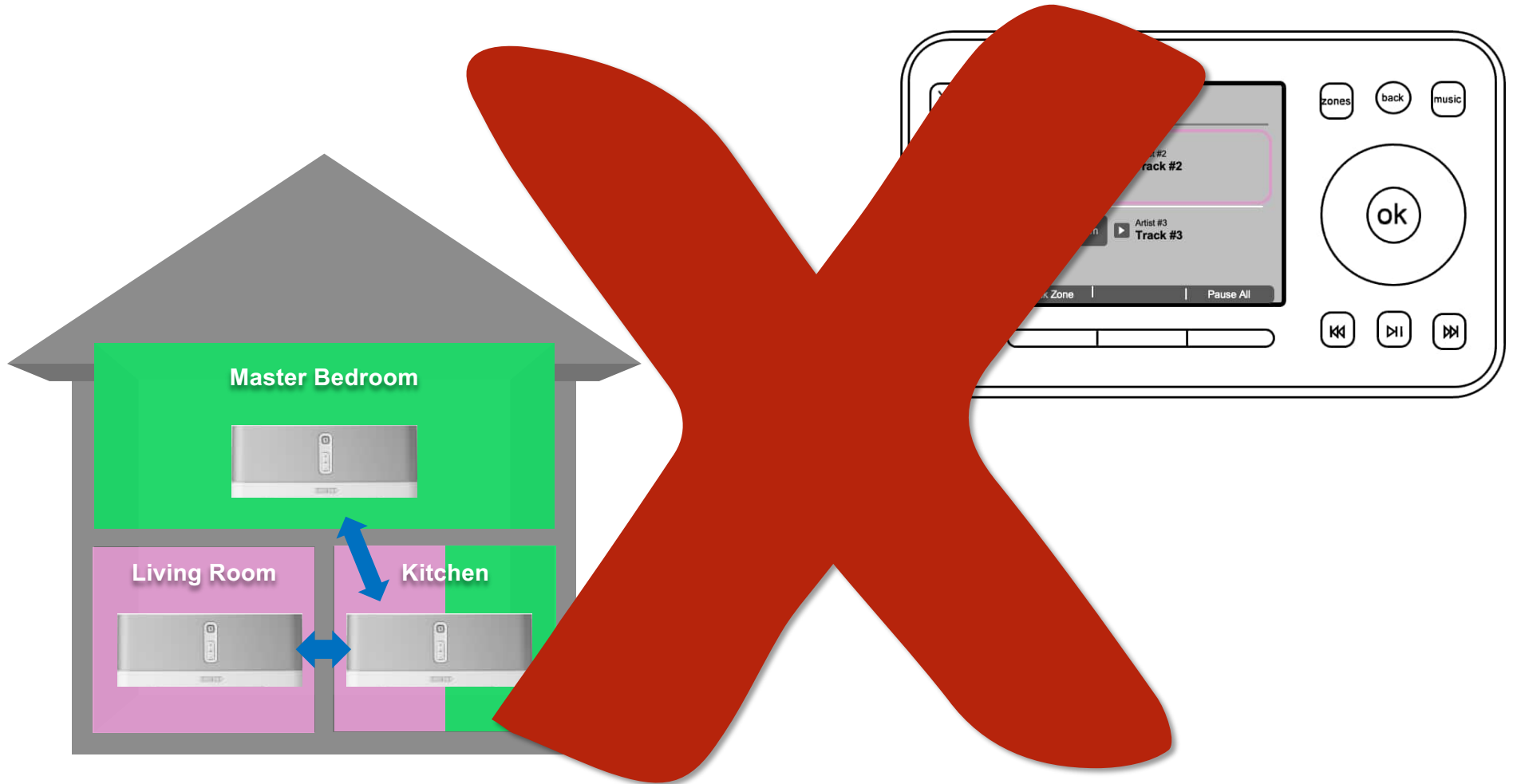
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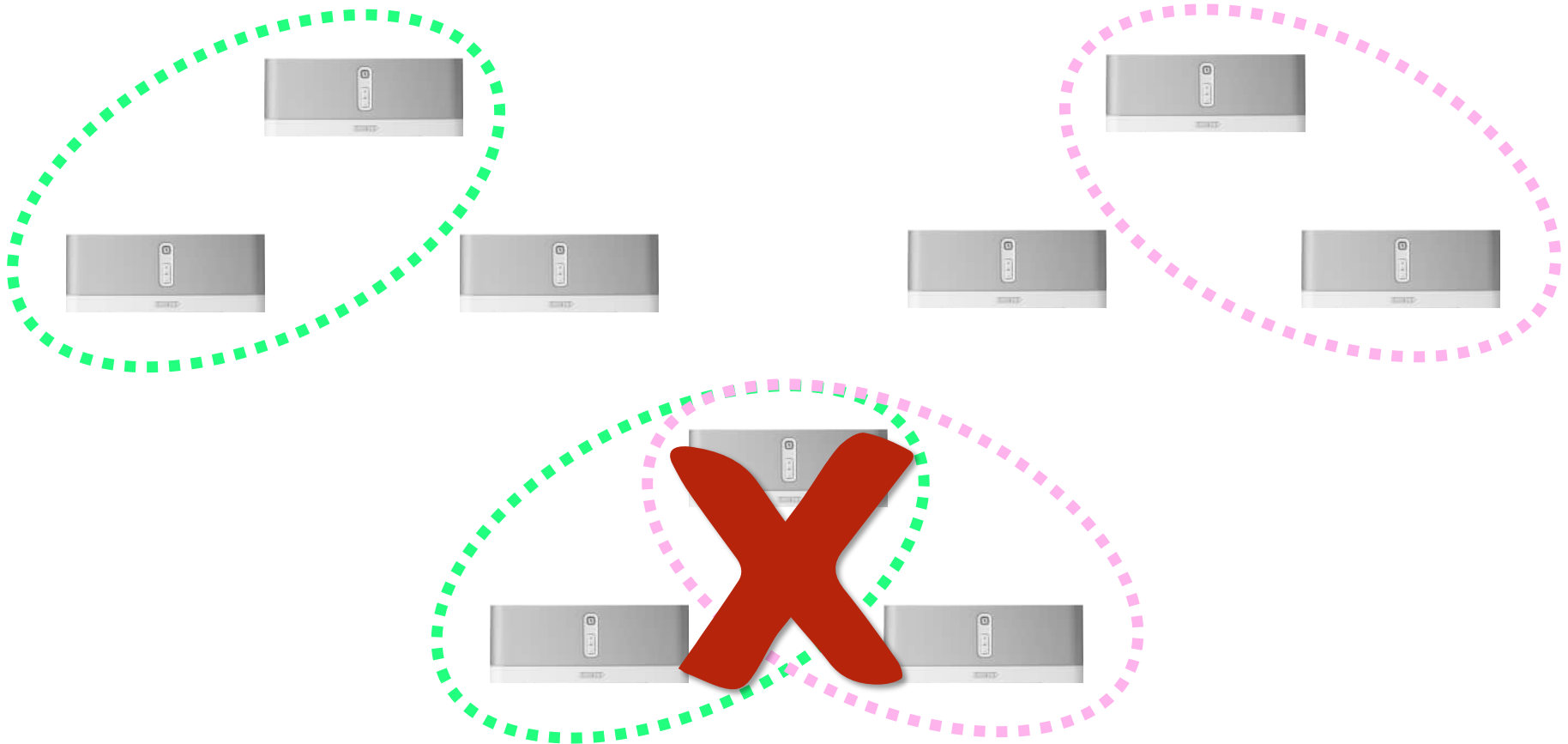
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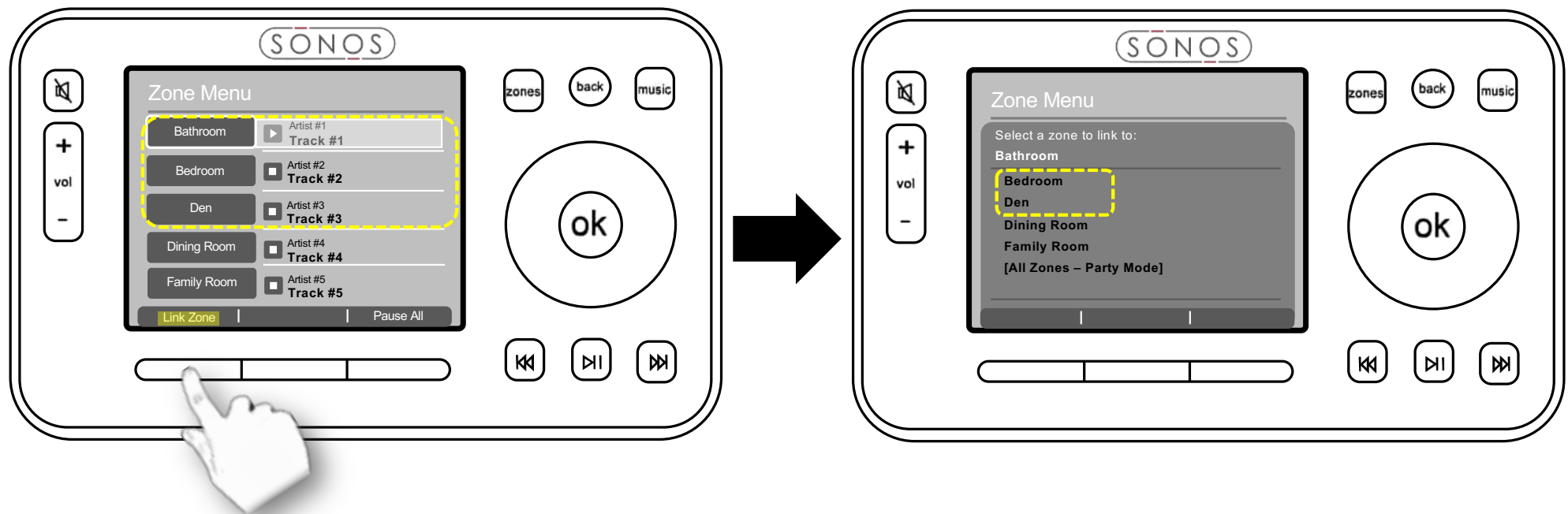


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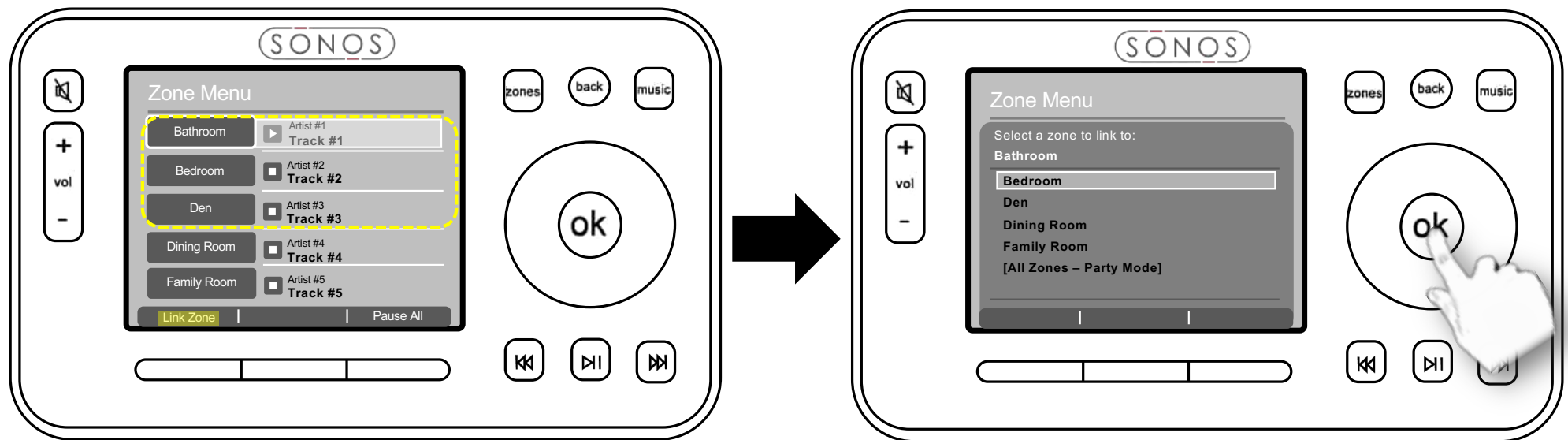




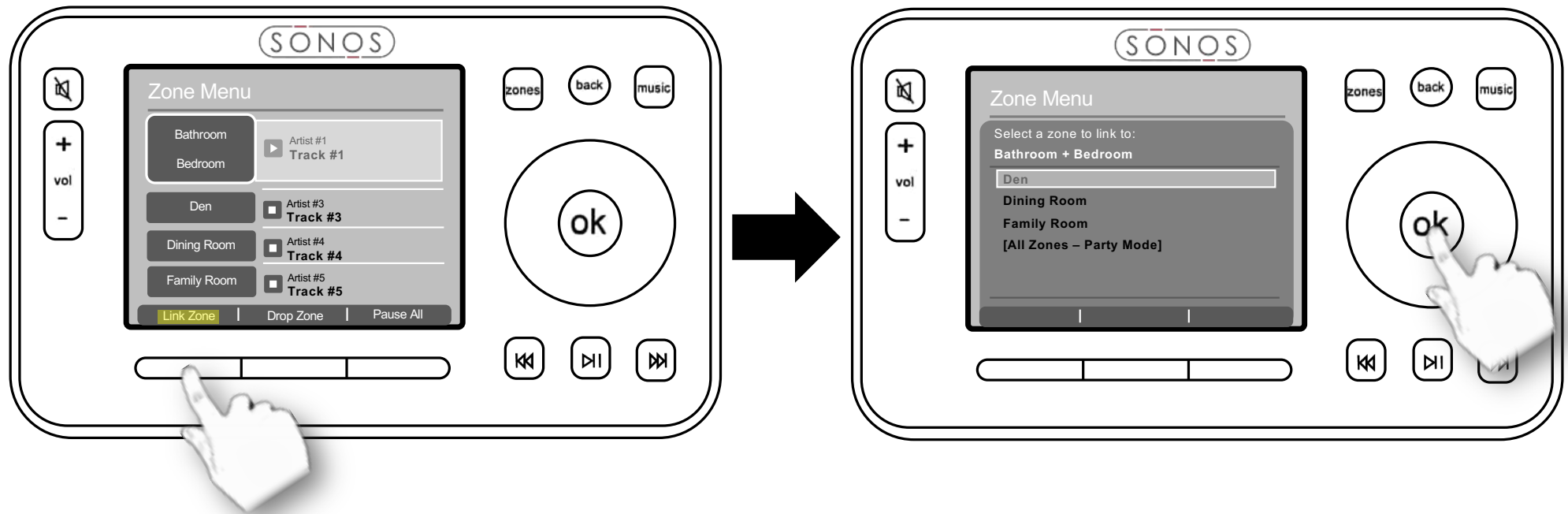
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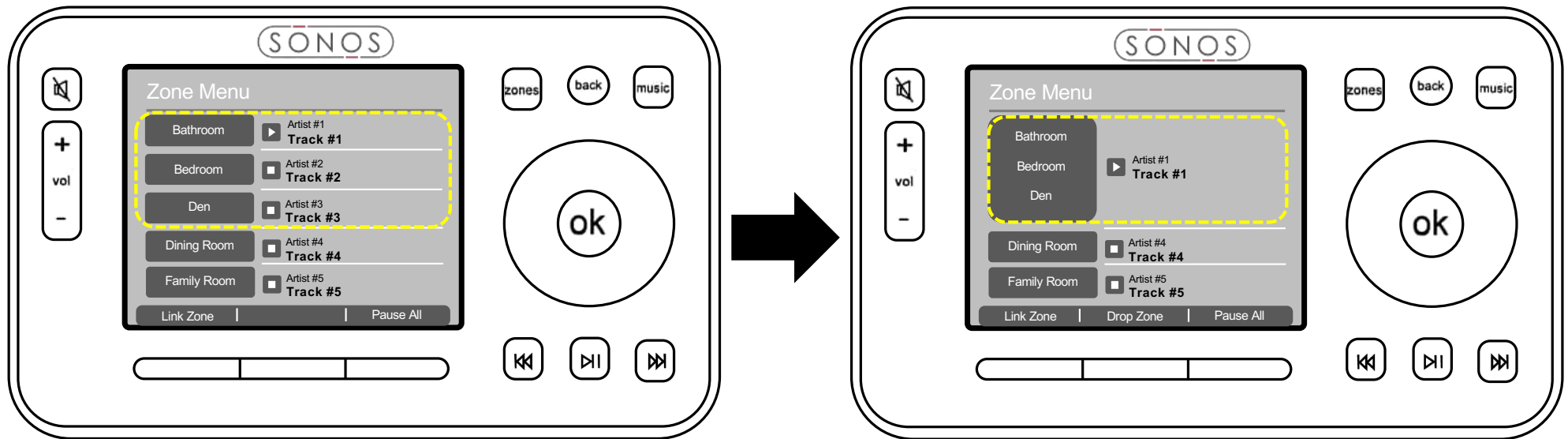
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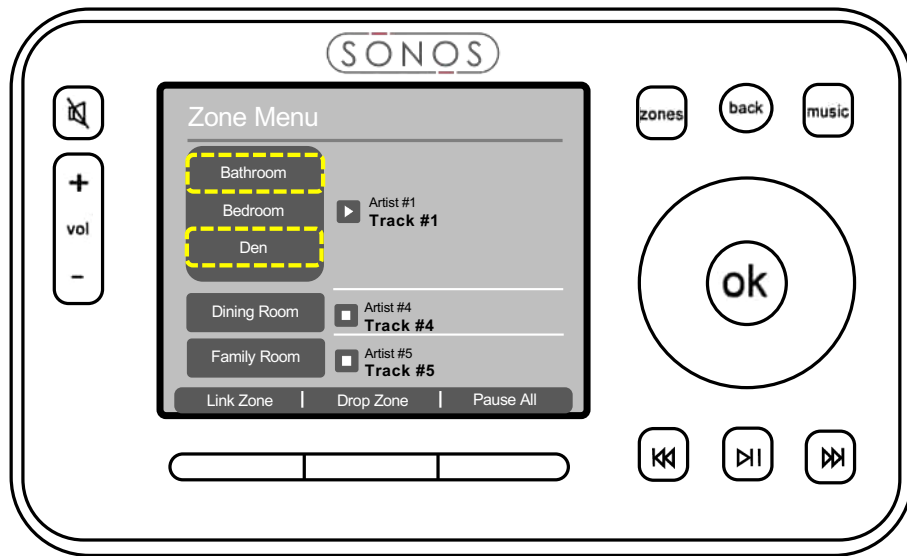
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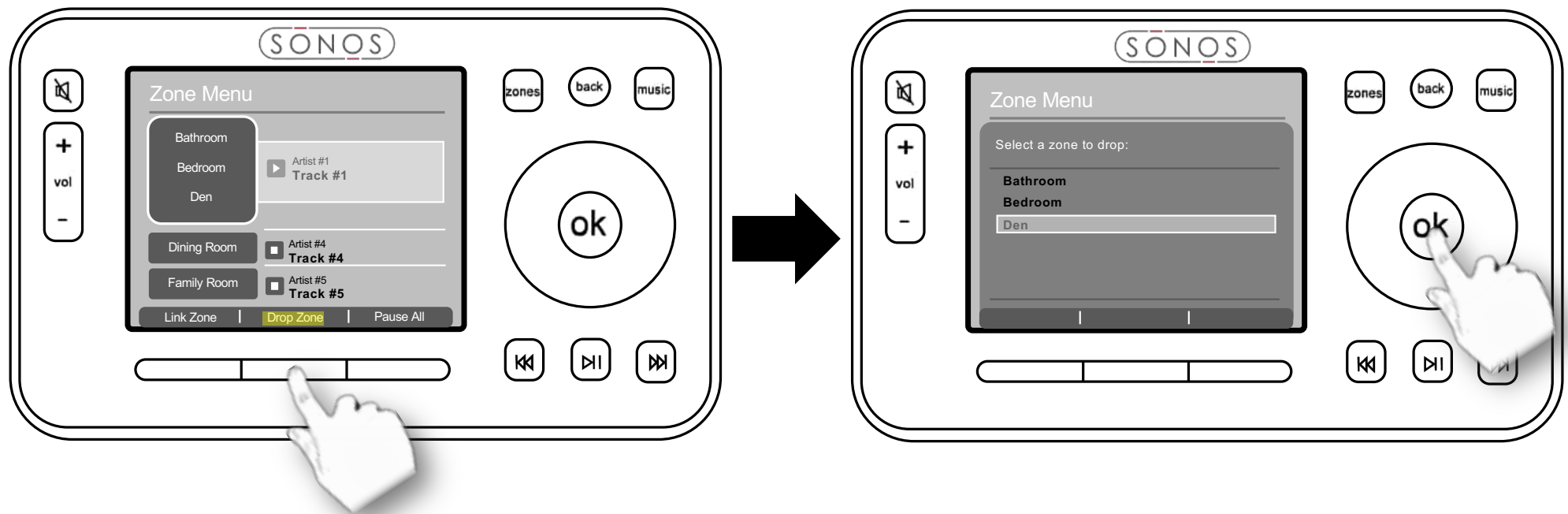
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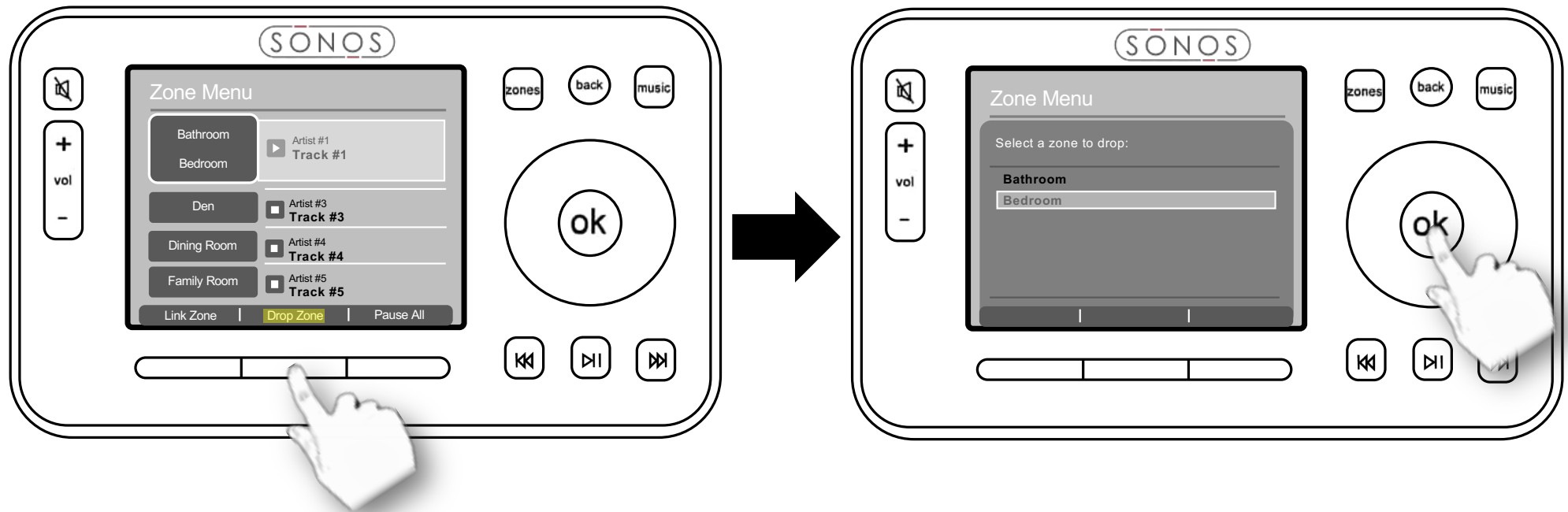
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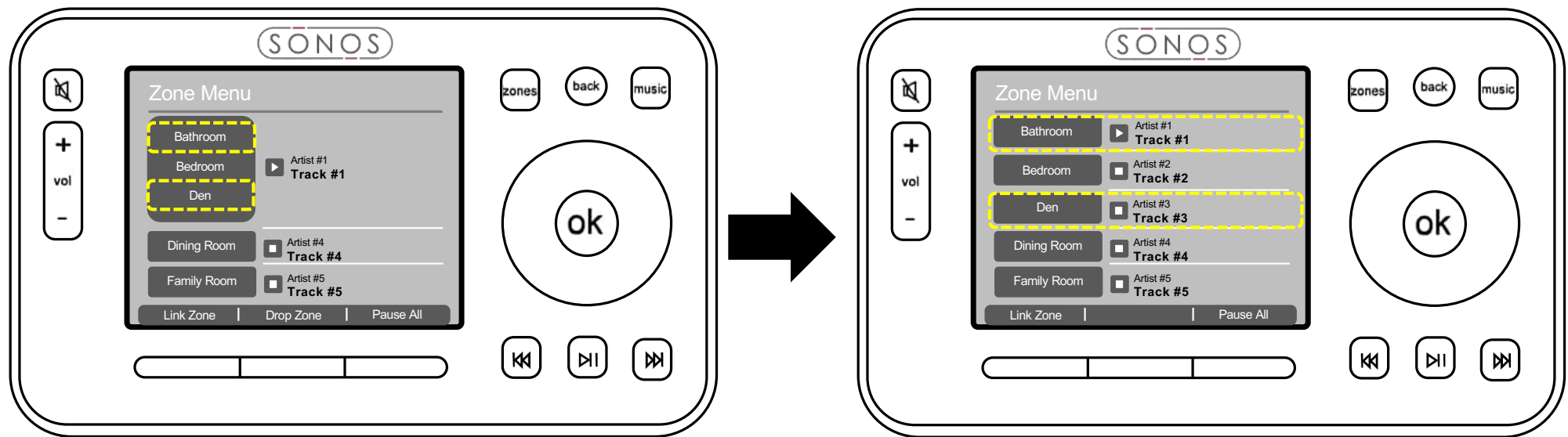
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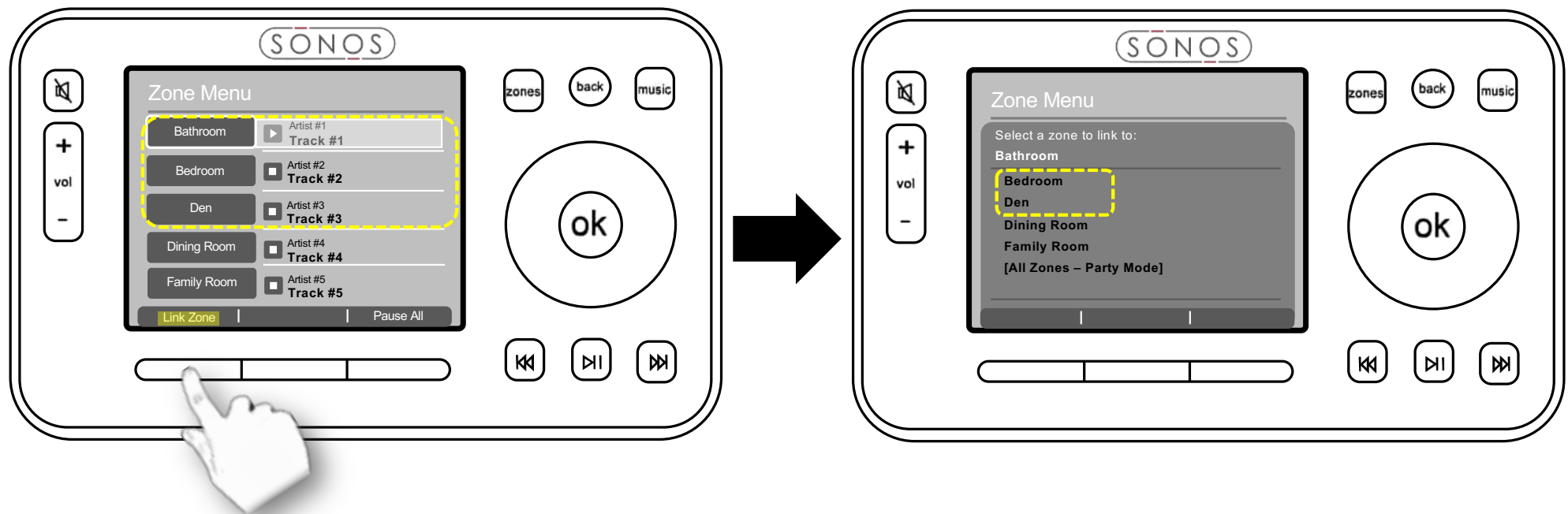


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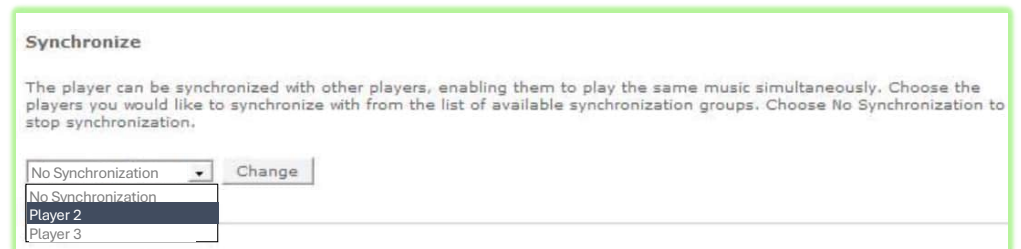
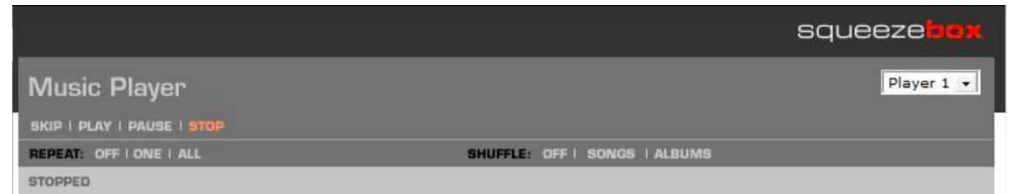
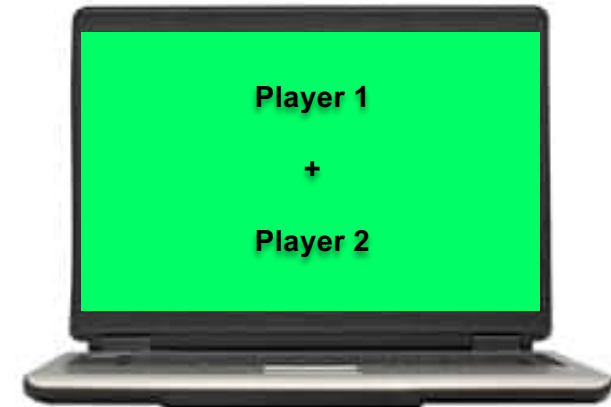
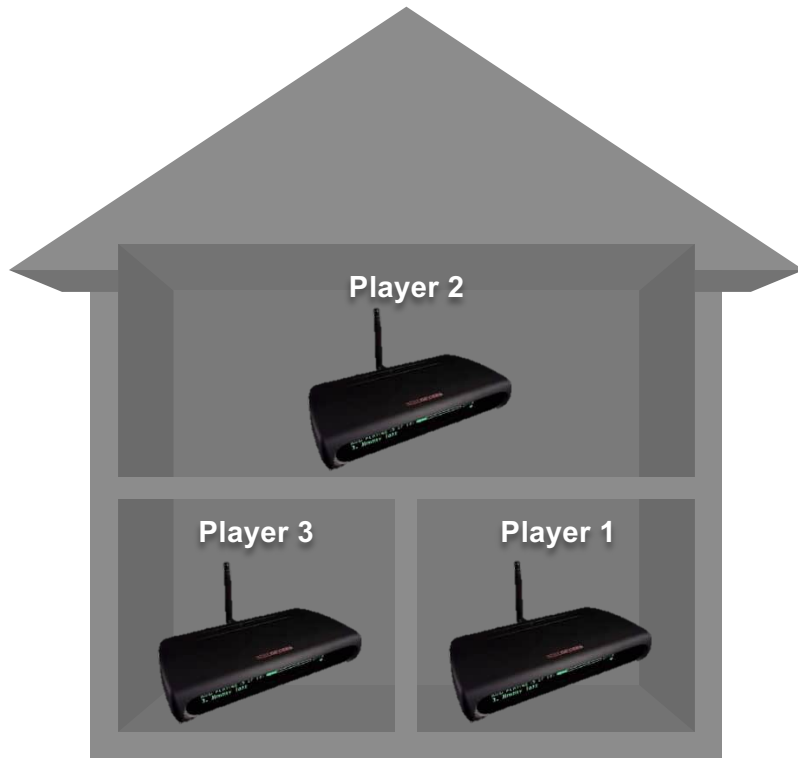
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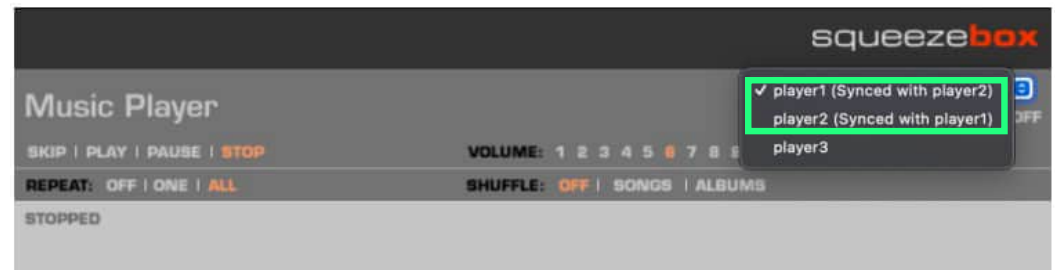
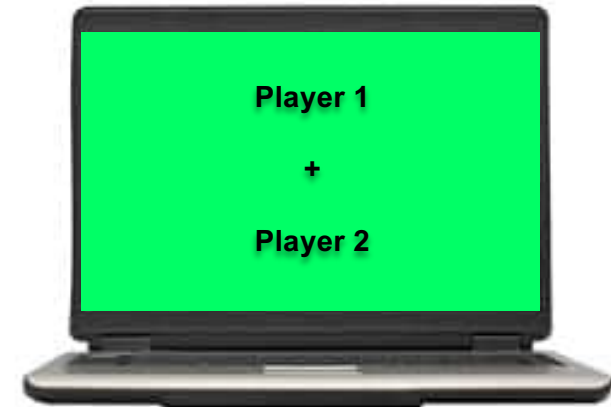
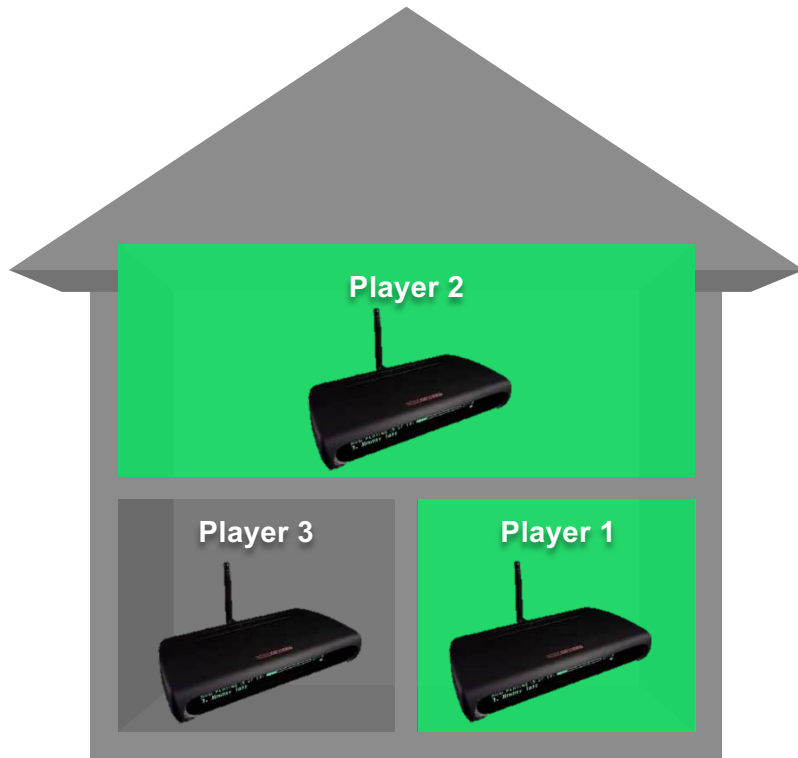
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[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;	X	X
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## Squeezebox Ad-Hoc Grouping



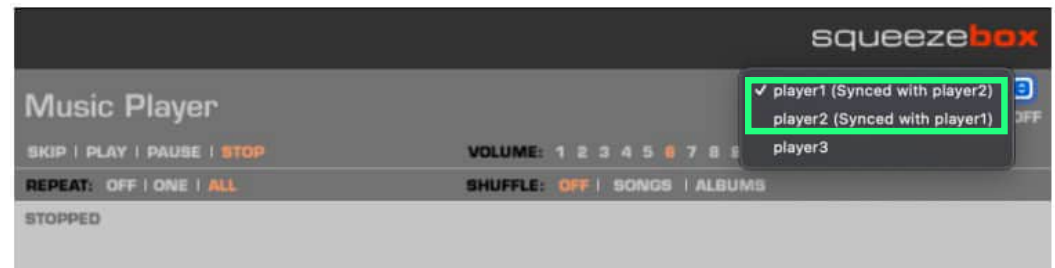
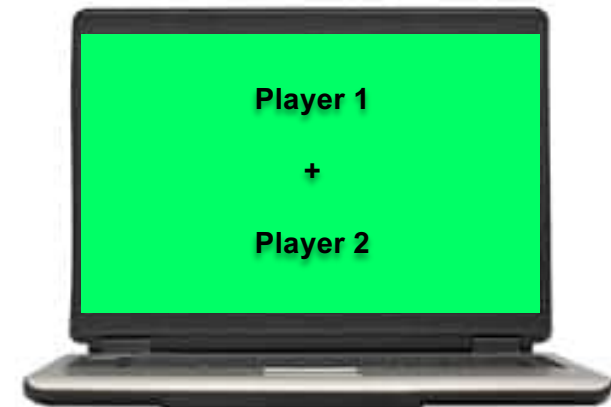
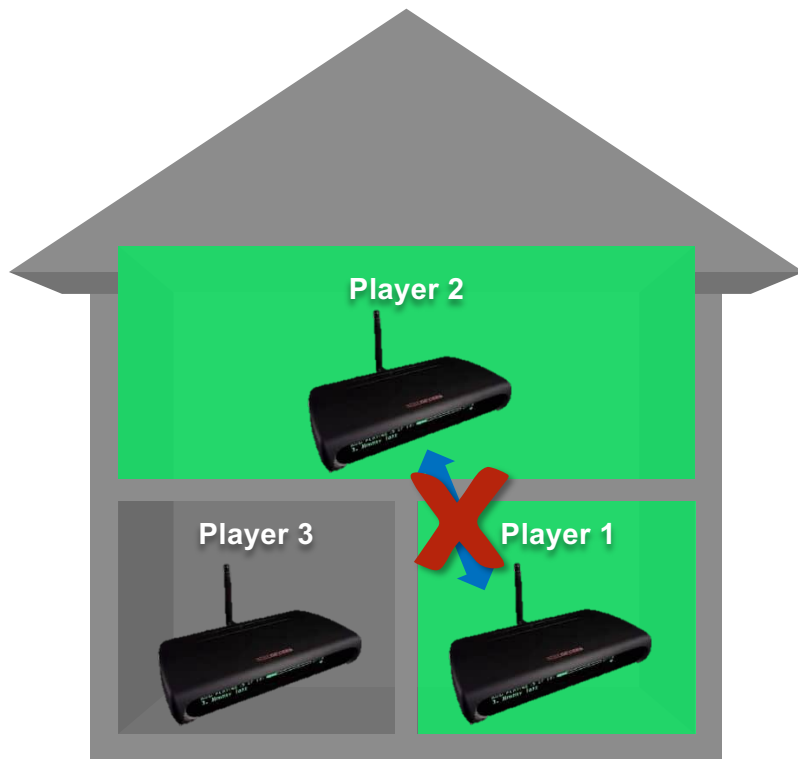
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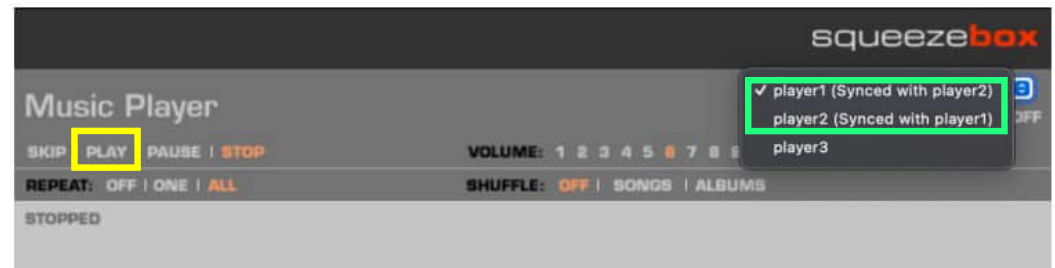
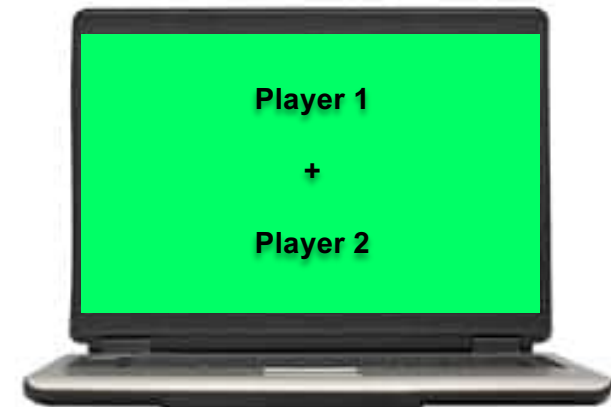
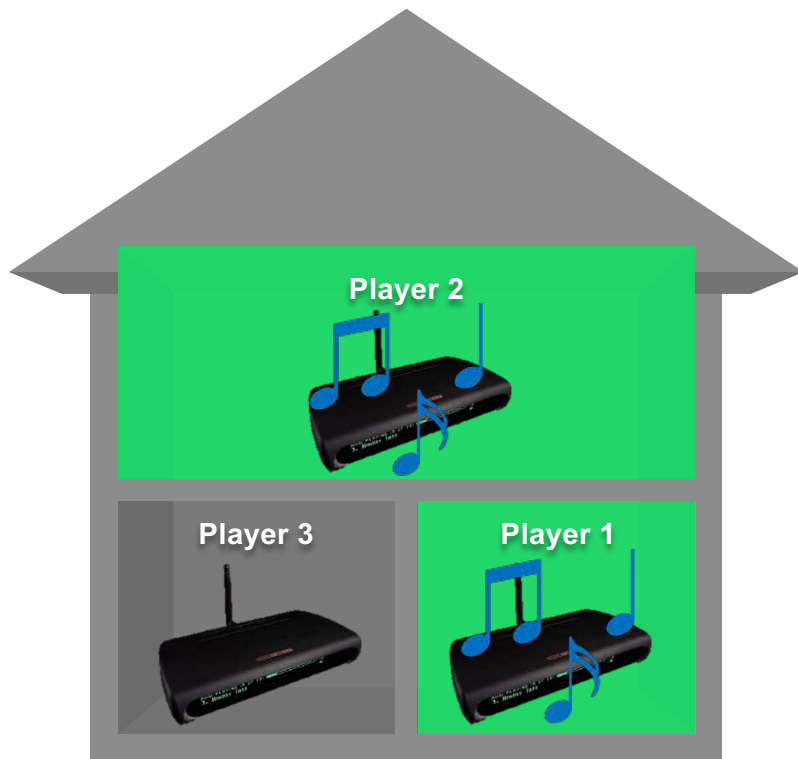
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# Squeezebox Ad-Hoc Grouping – No Coordination



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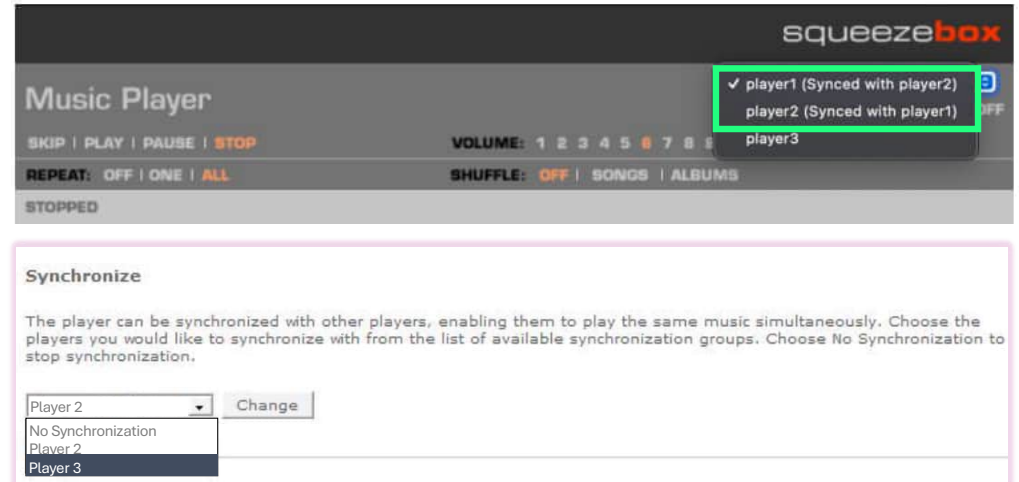
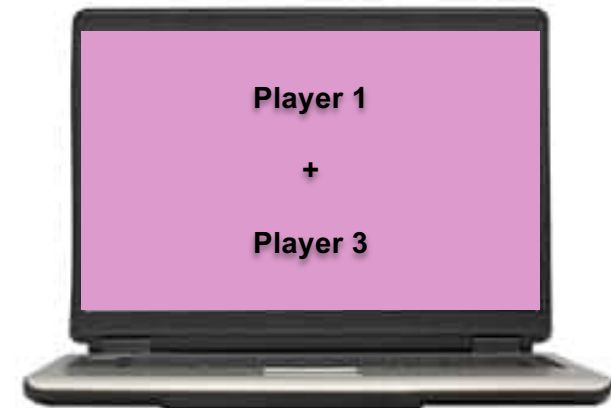
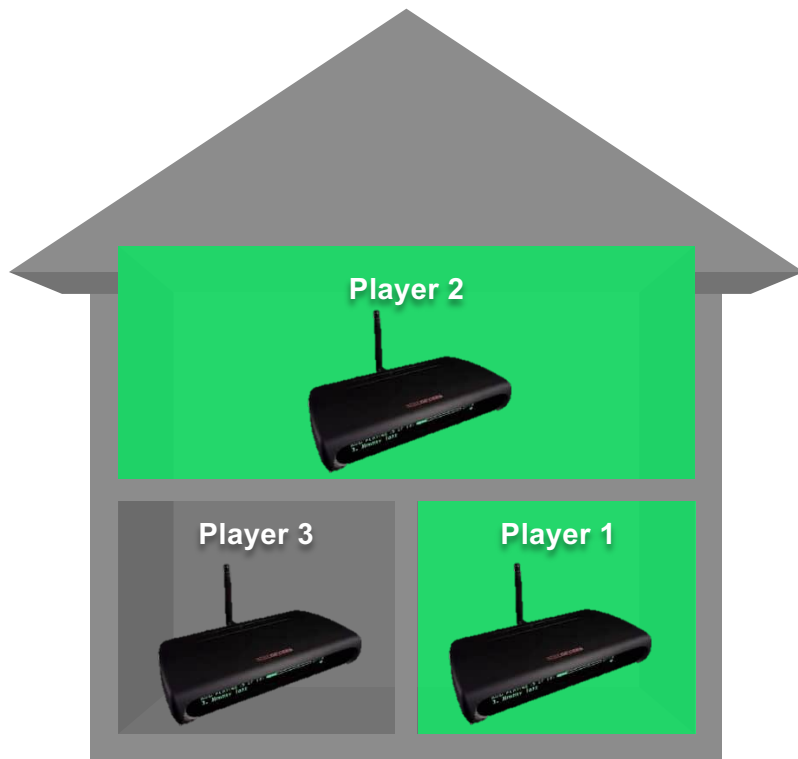


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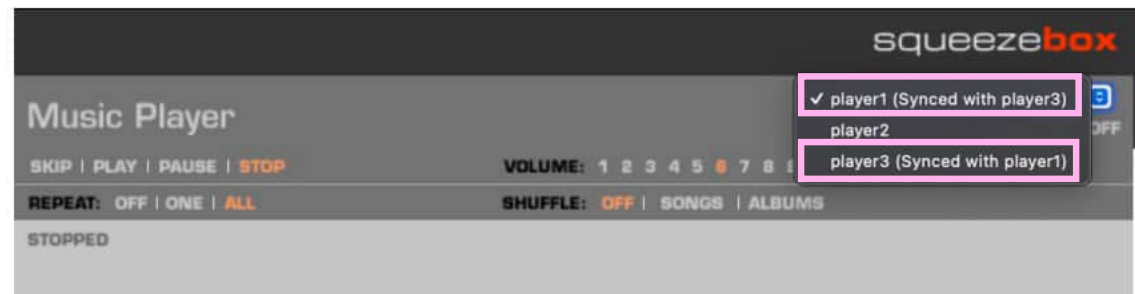
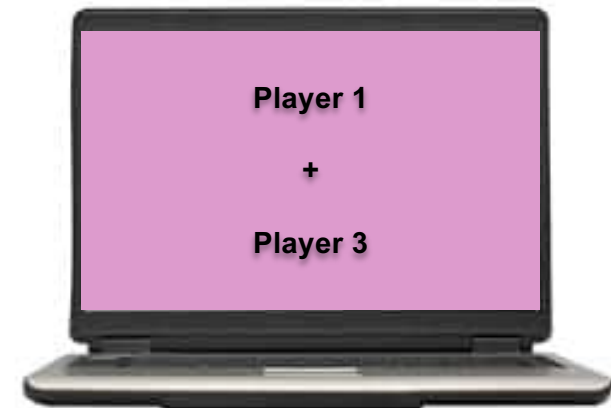
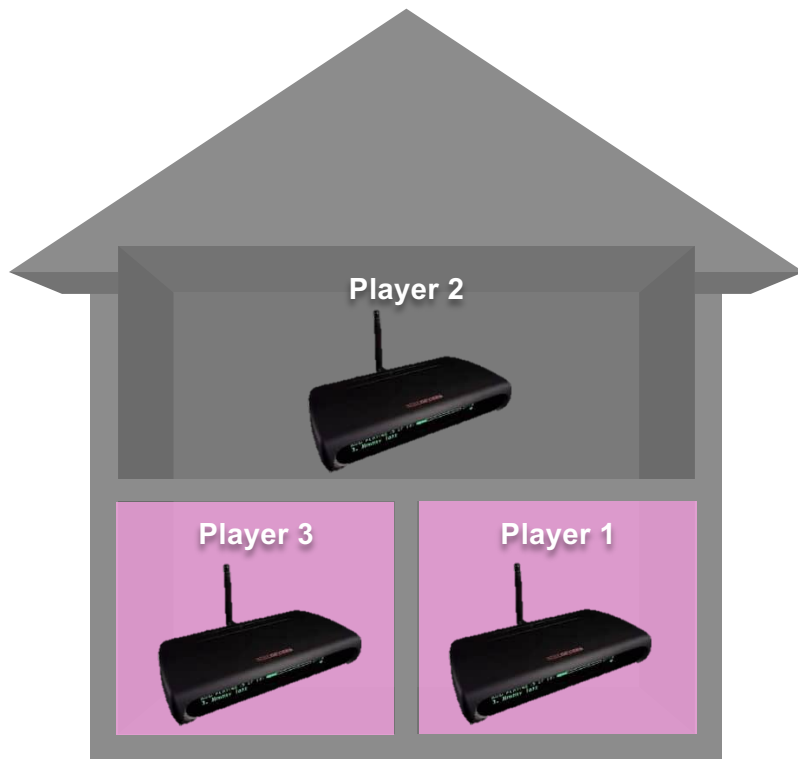




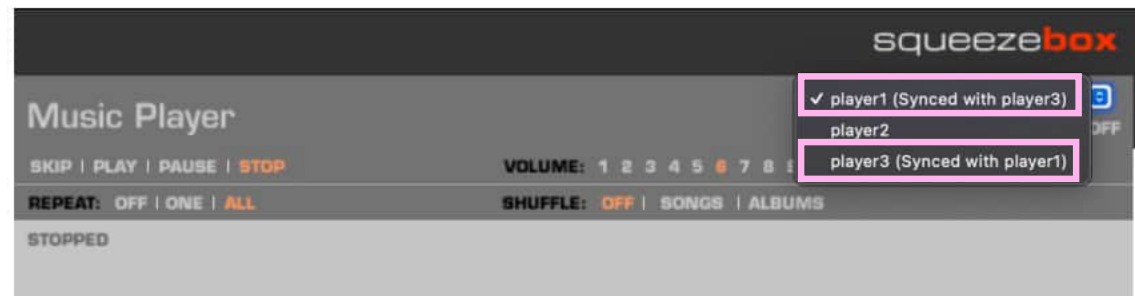
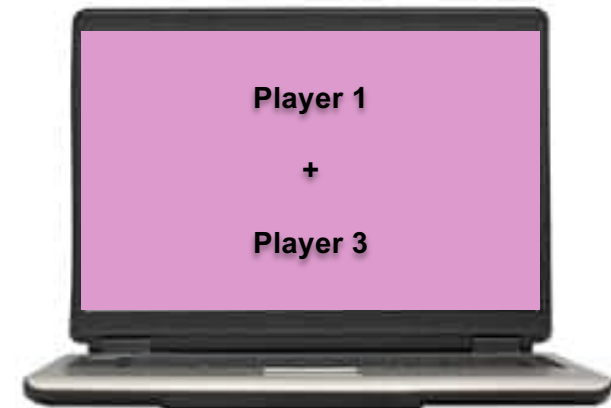
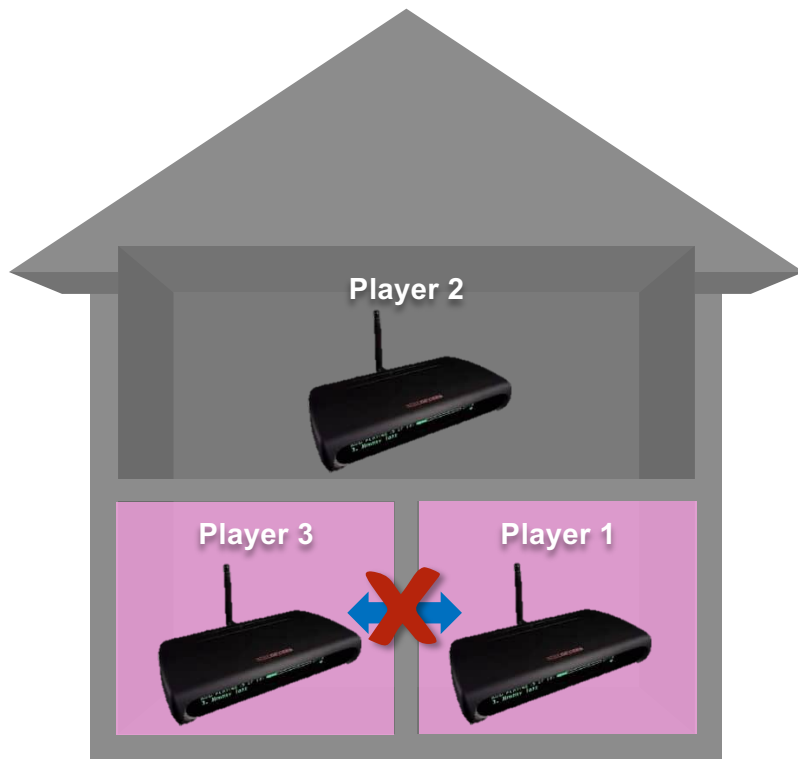
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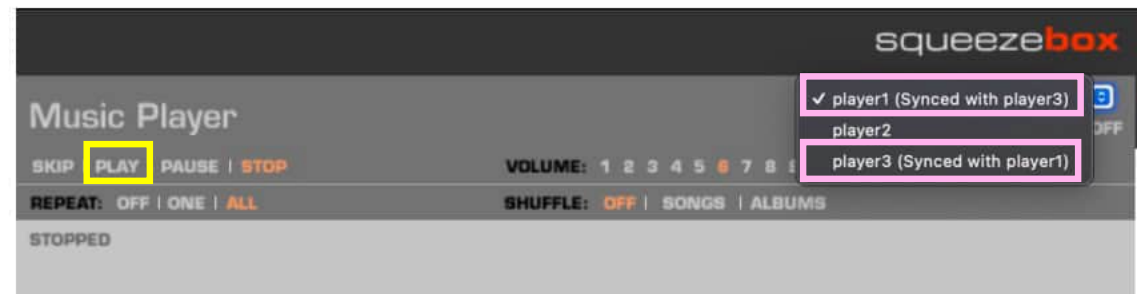
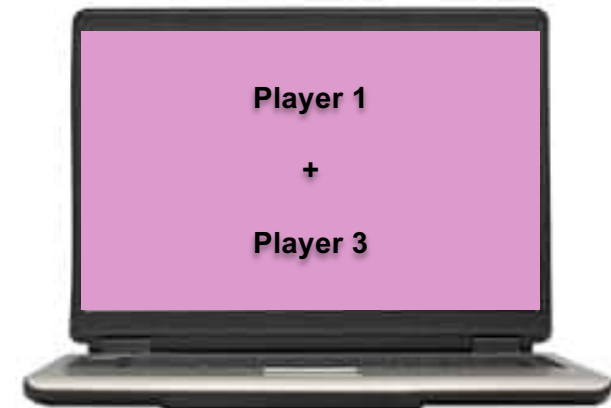
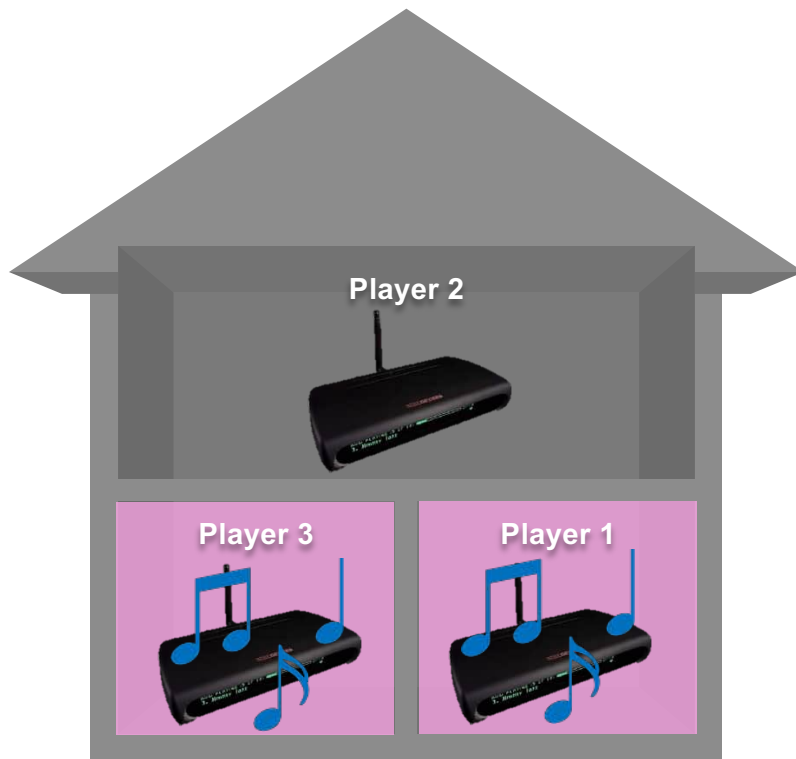
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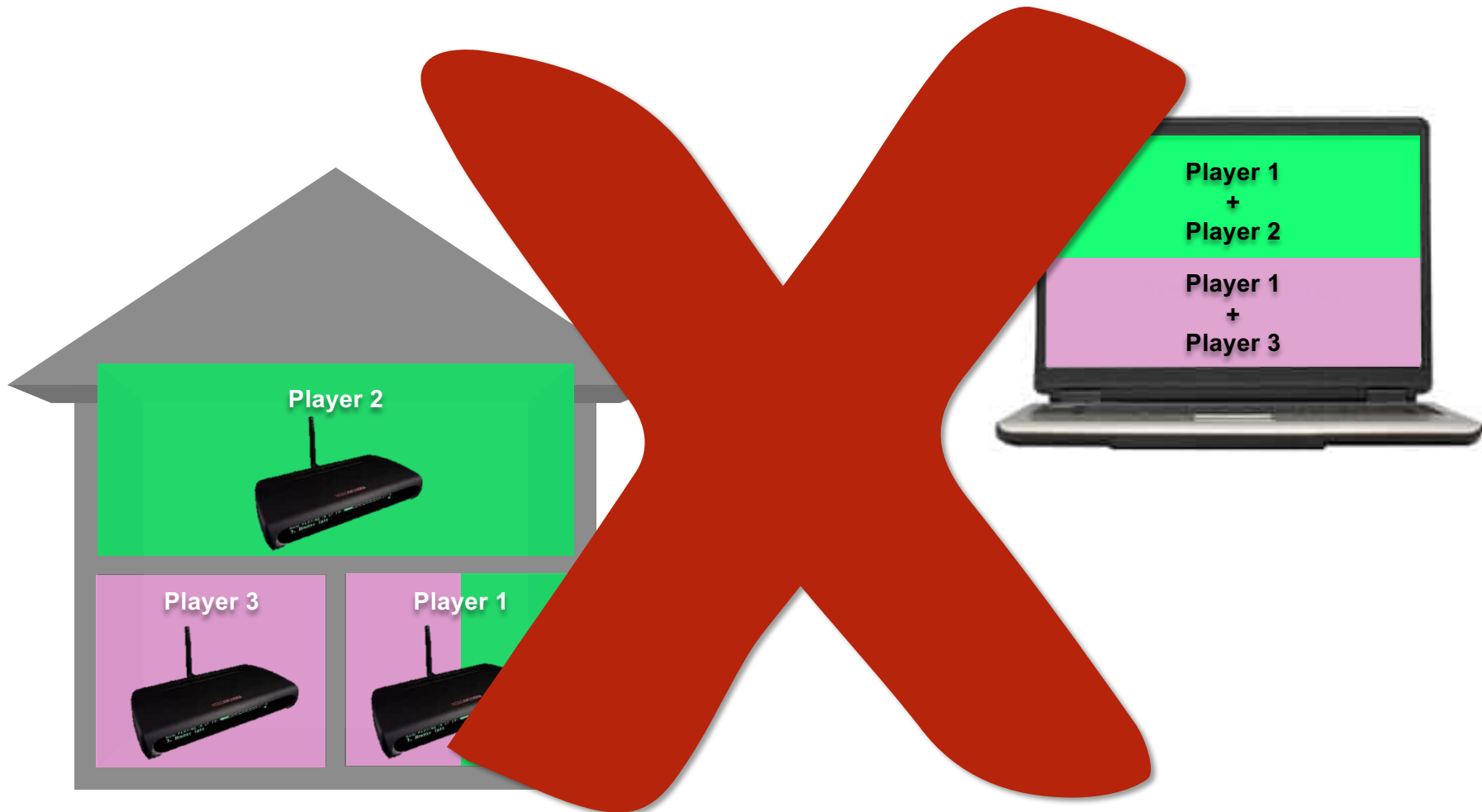
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## Squeezebox Ad-Hoc Grouping – No Overlapping Groups



## Squeezebox Ad-Hoc Grouping – No Saving of Groups

The screenshot shows the Squeezebox Music Player interface. At the top right is the "squeezebox" logo. Below it is a "Music Player" section with a "Player 1" dropdown. The control bar includes buttons for "SKIP", "PLAY", "PAUSE", and "STOP" (highlighted in red). Below these are "REPEAT: OFF | ONE | ALL" and "SHUFFLE: OFF | SONGS | ALBUMS". The status bar shows "STOPPED".

Below the music player is a "Synchronize" section. It contains the following text: "The player can be synchronized with other players, enabling them to play the same music simultaneously. Choose the players you would like to synchronize with from the list of available synchronization groups. Choose No Synchronization to stop synchronization."

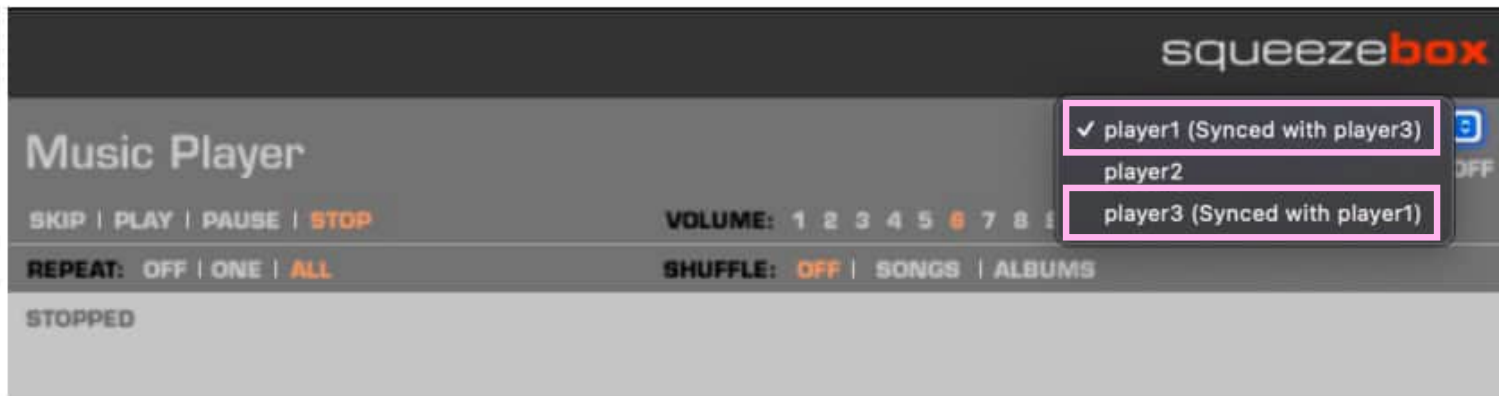
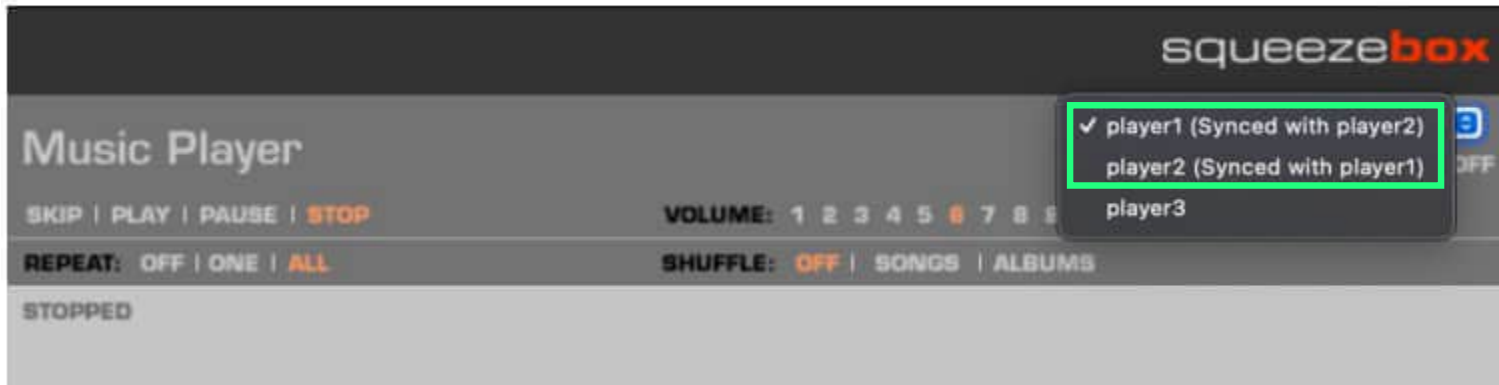
There is a dropdown menu currently set to "No Synchronization" and a "Change" button next to it. The dropdown menu is open, showing the following options:

- No Synchronization
- Player 2
- Player 3
- Player 4
- Player 5

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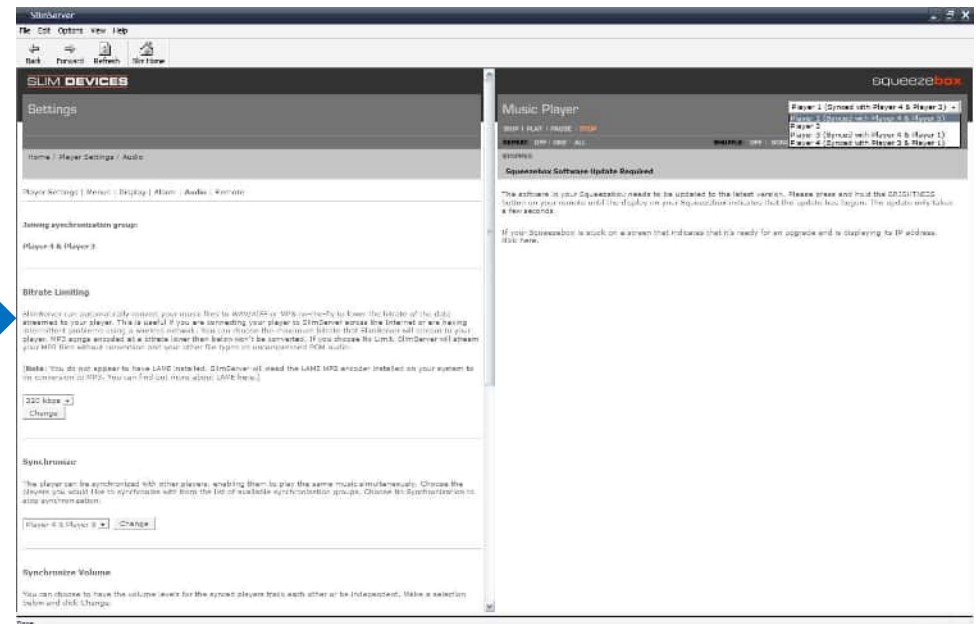
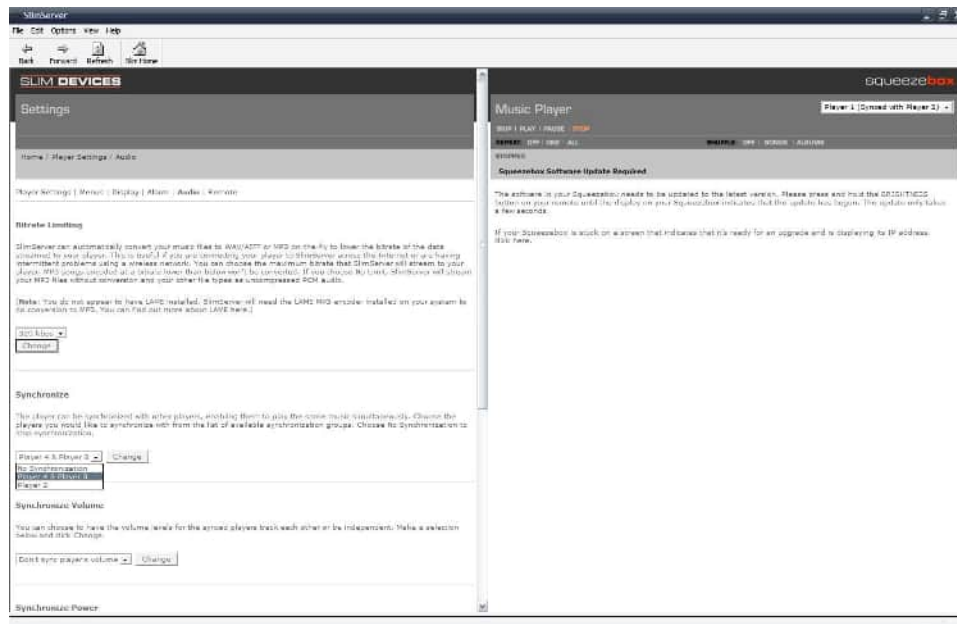


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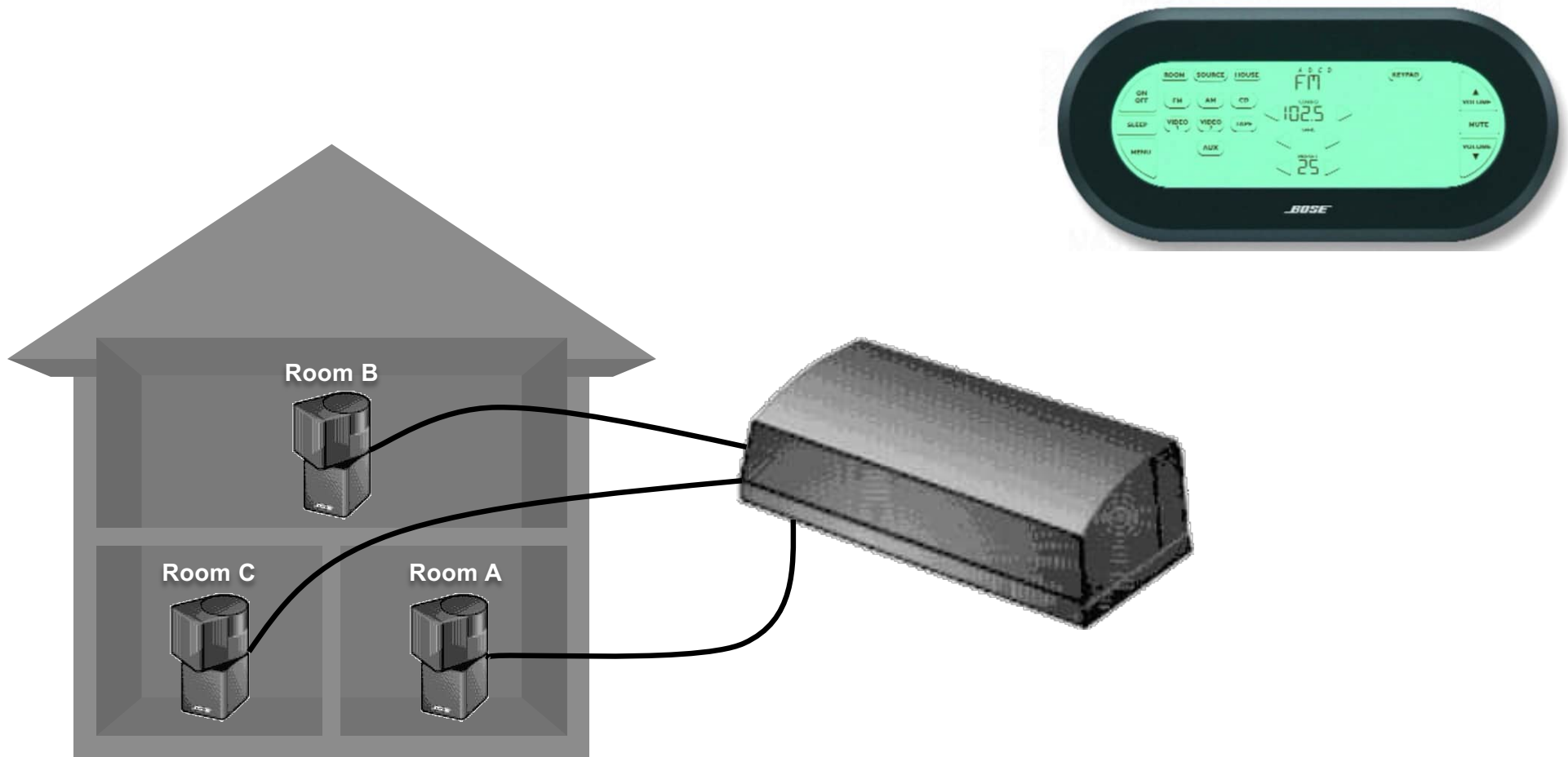
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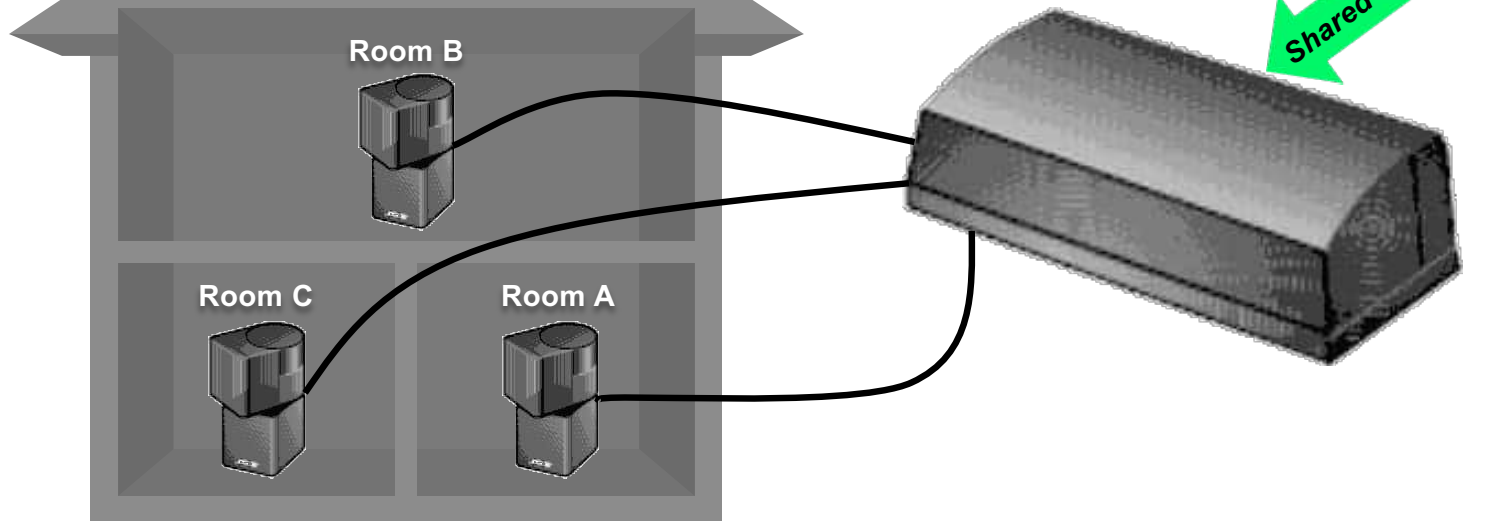


## Bose Lifestyle 50 Ad-Hoc Grouping

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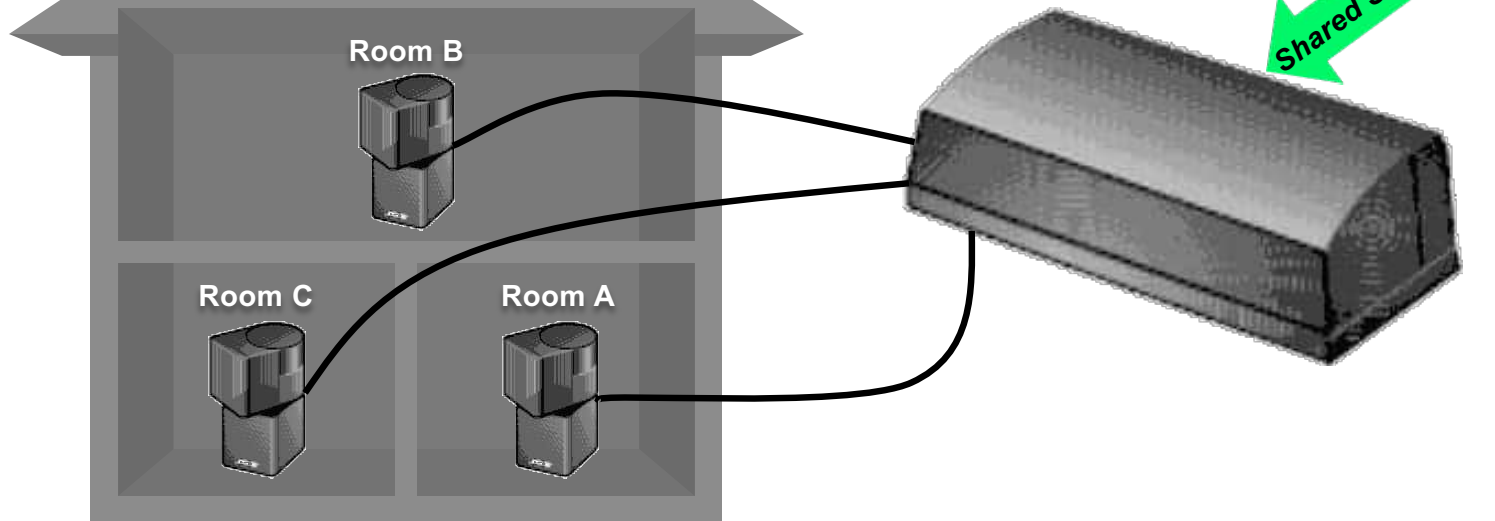


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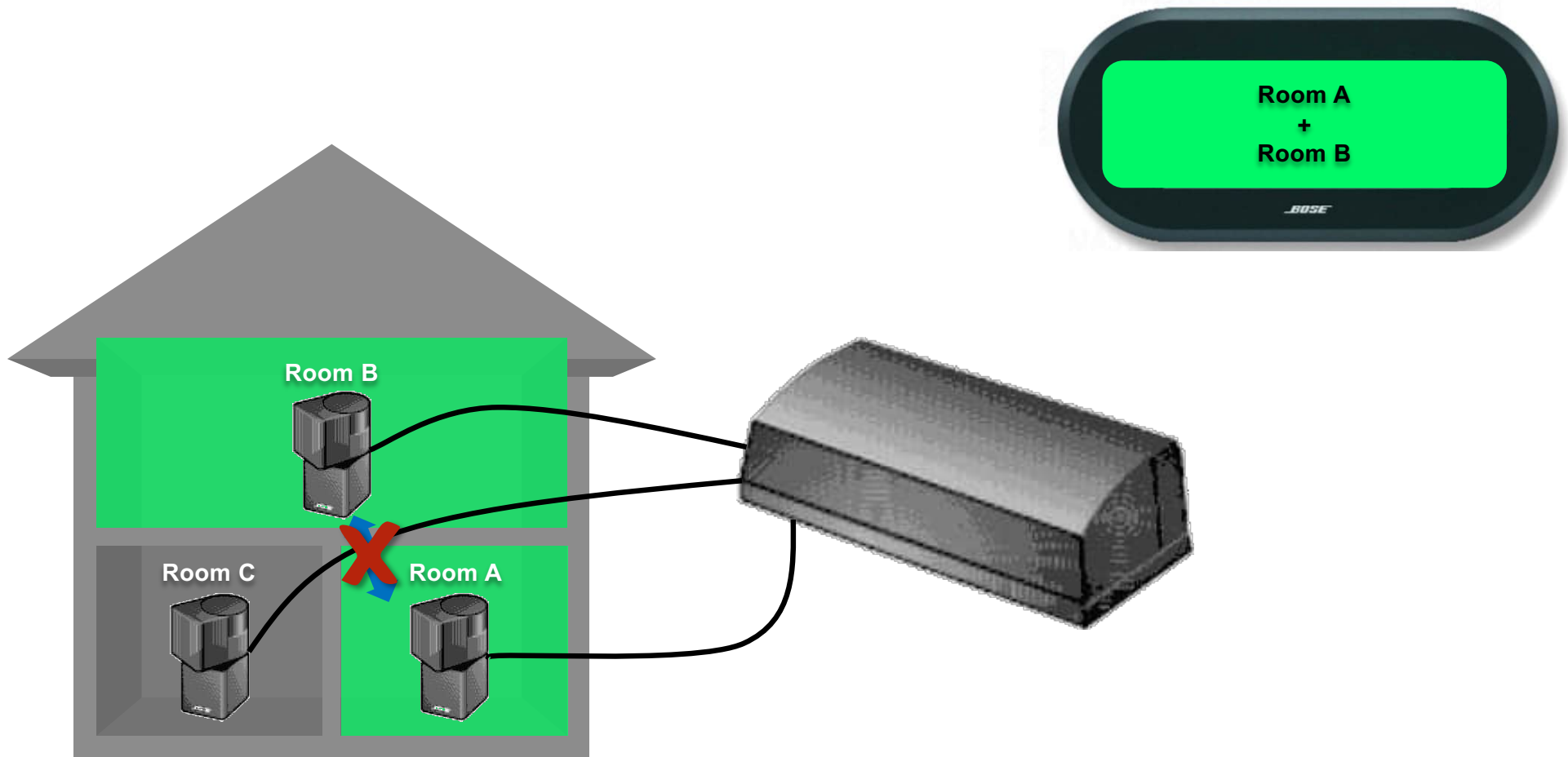
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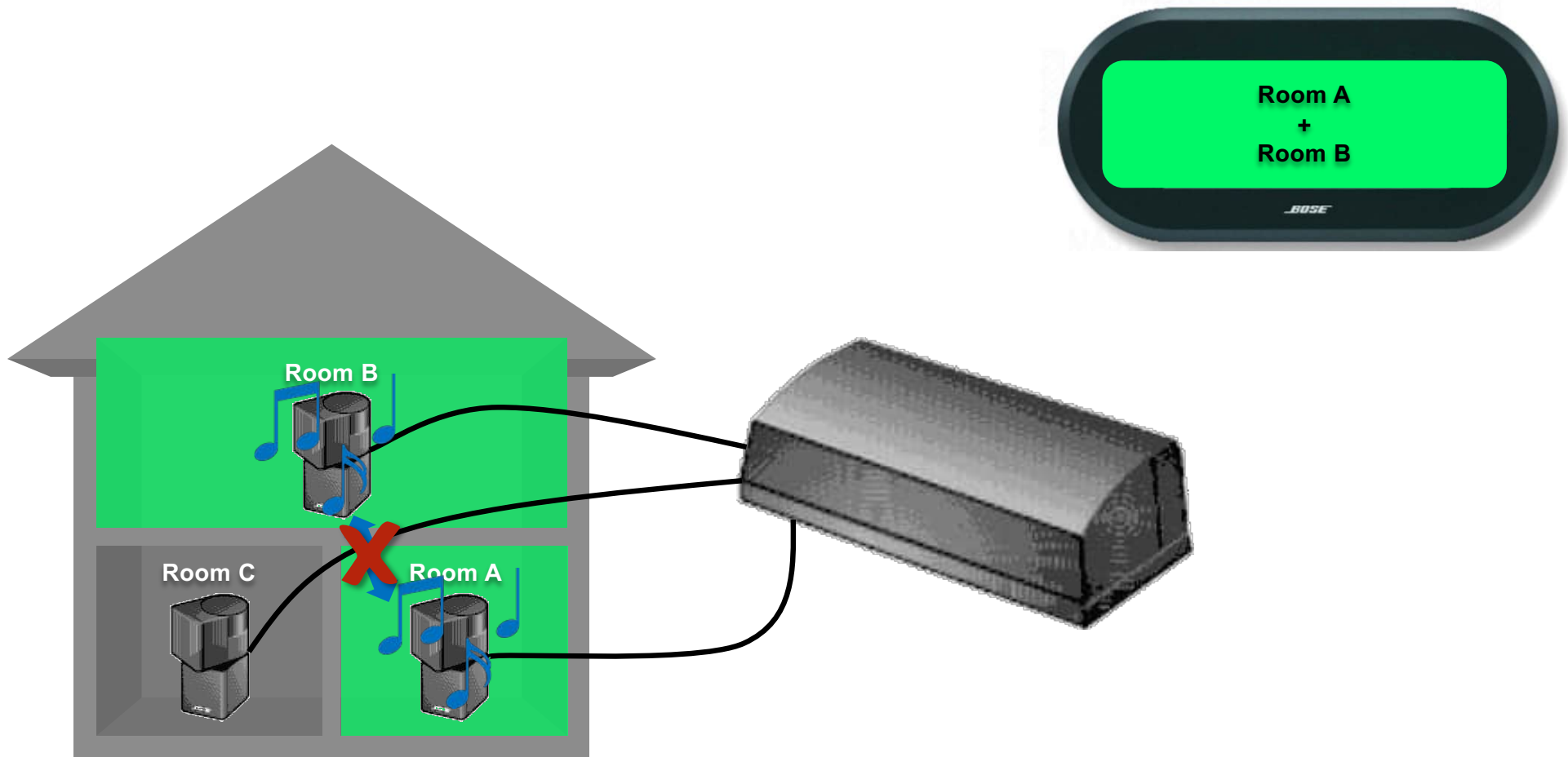
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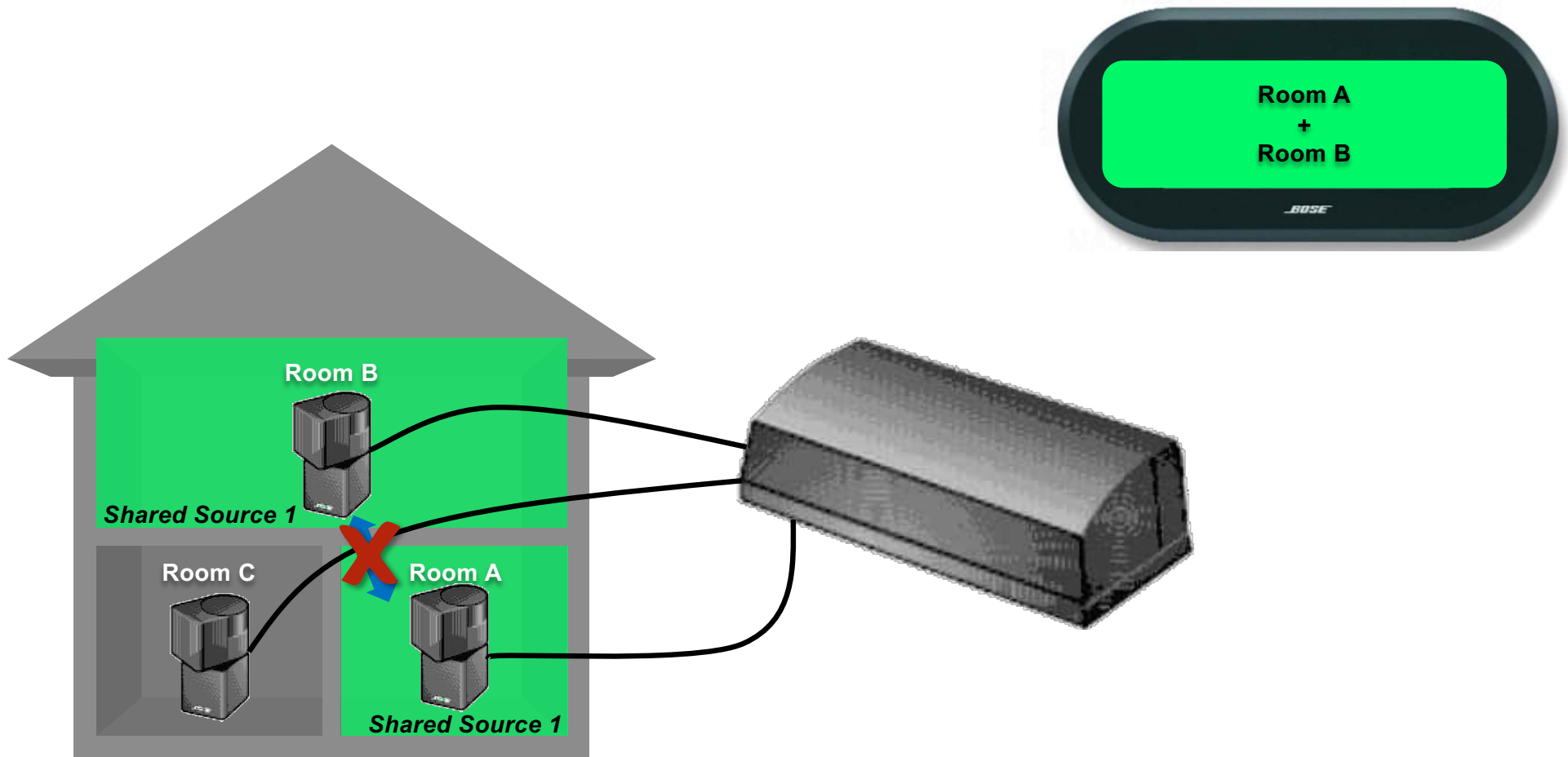
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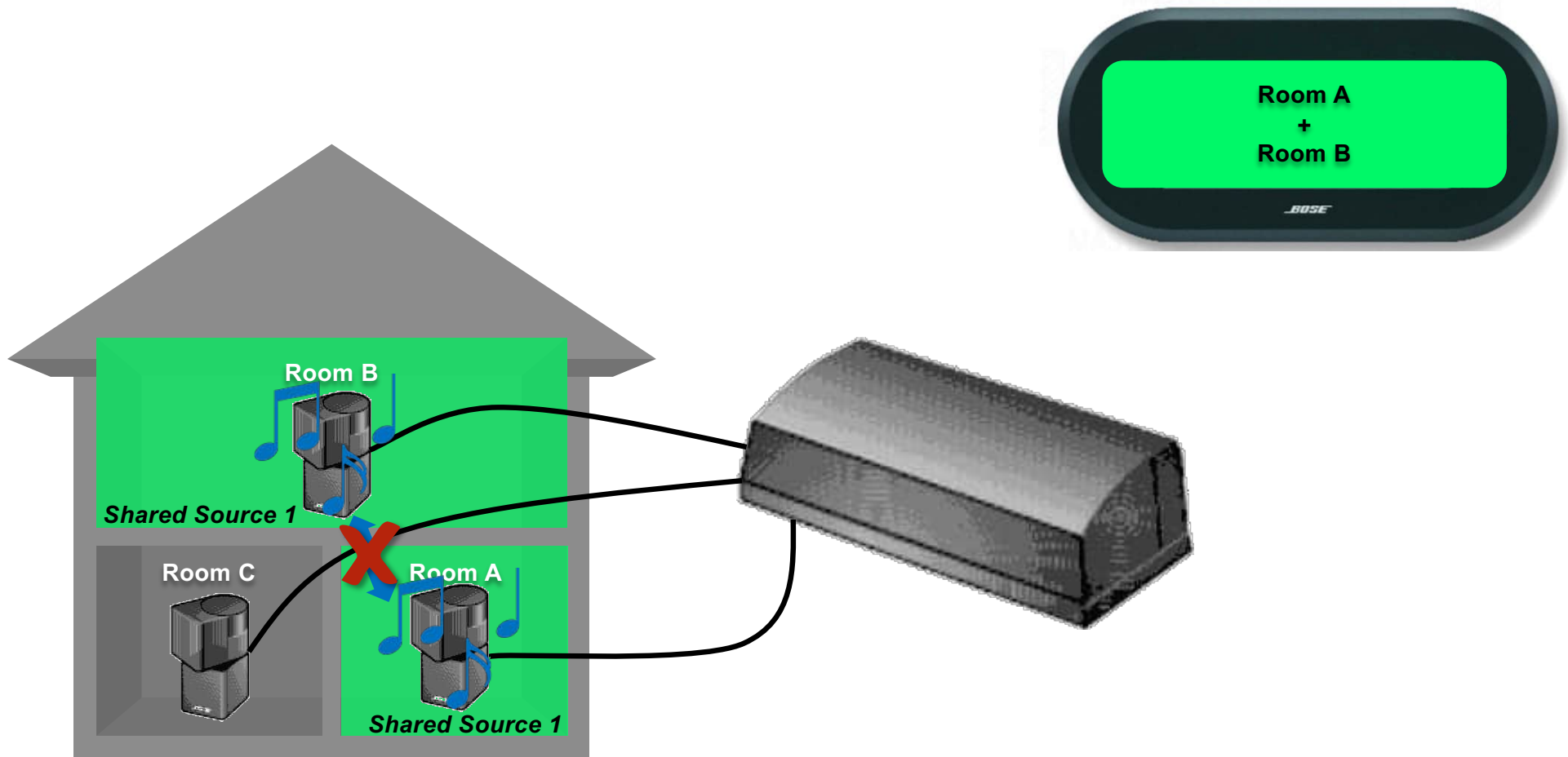


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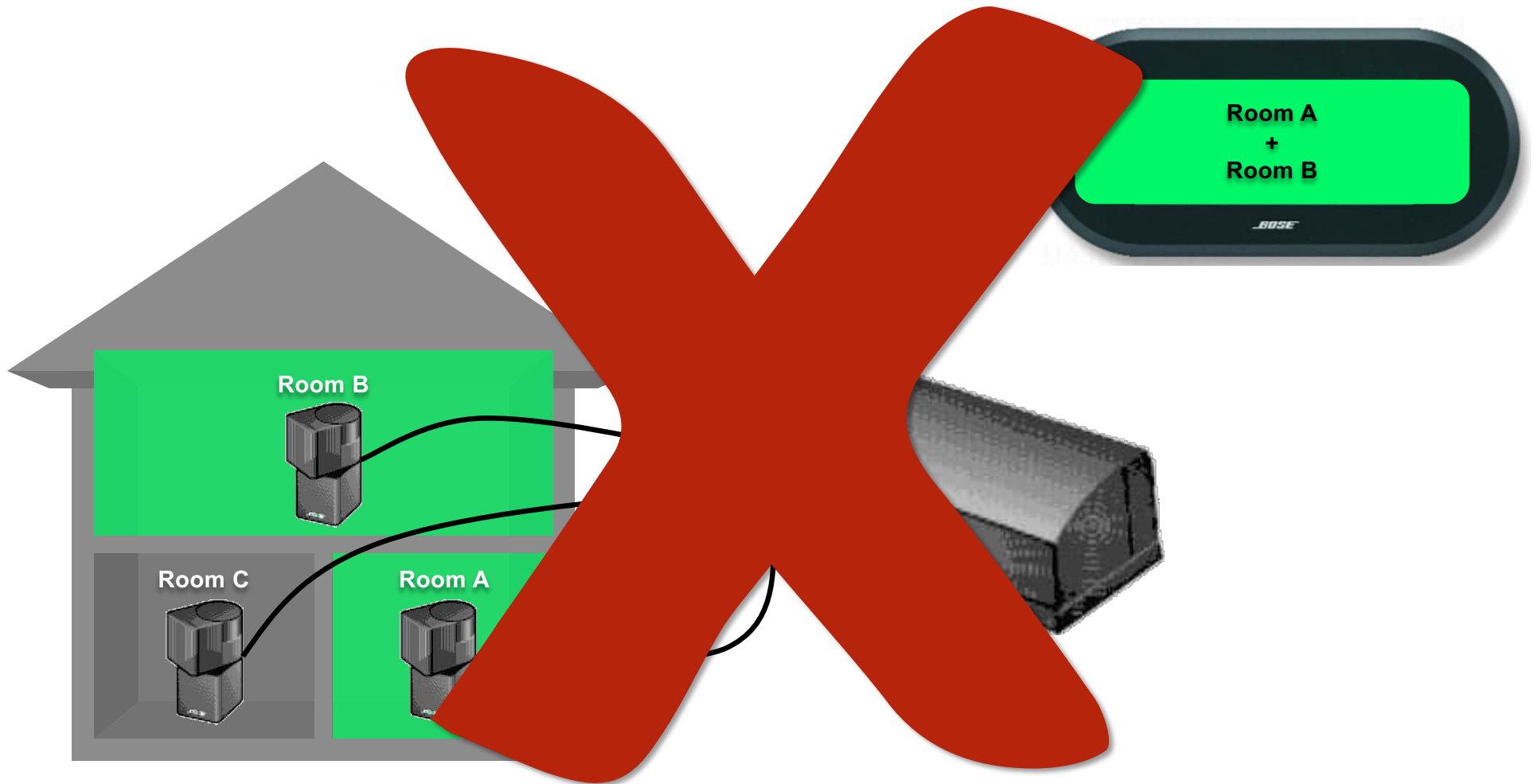




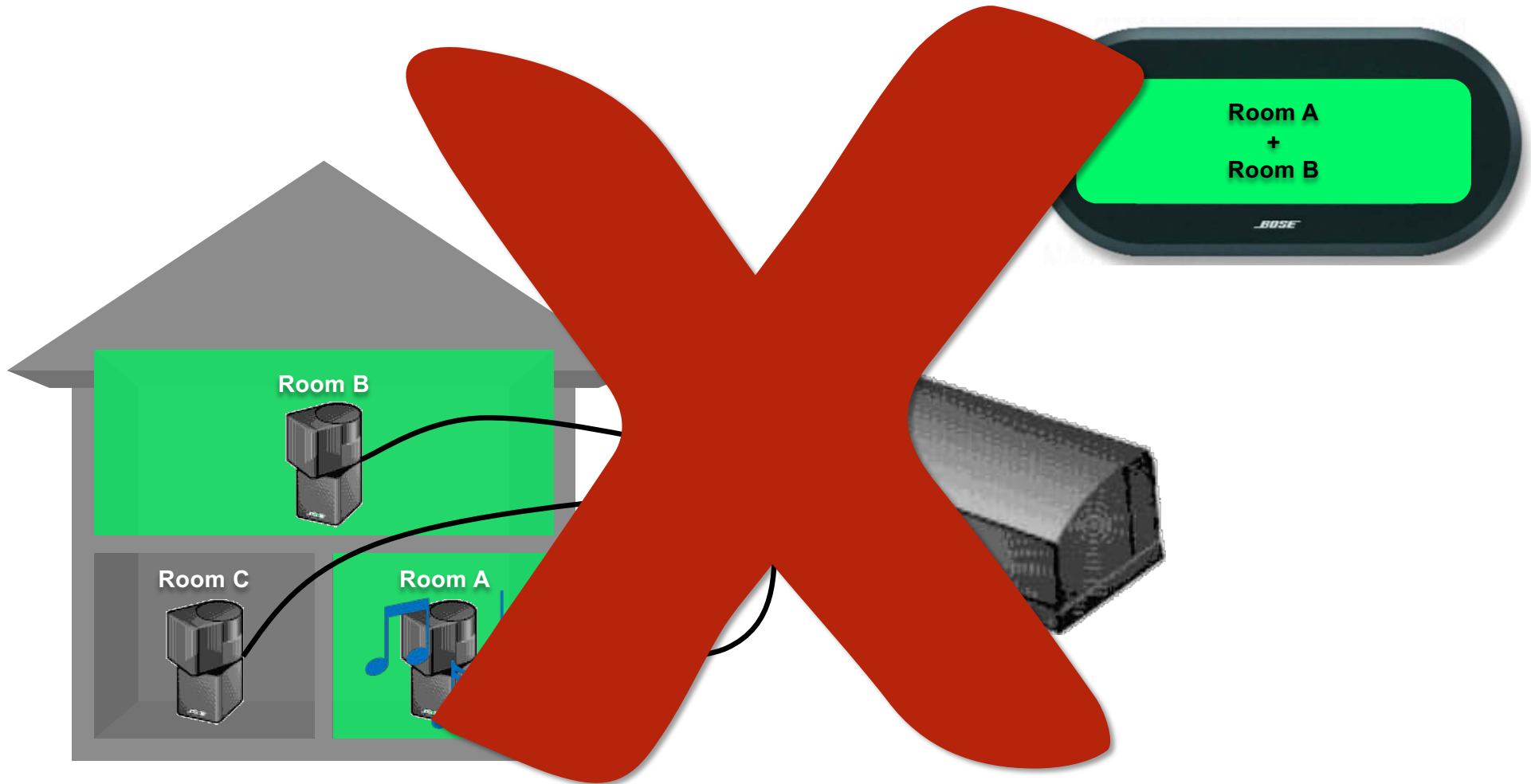
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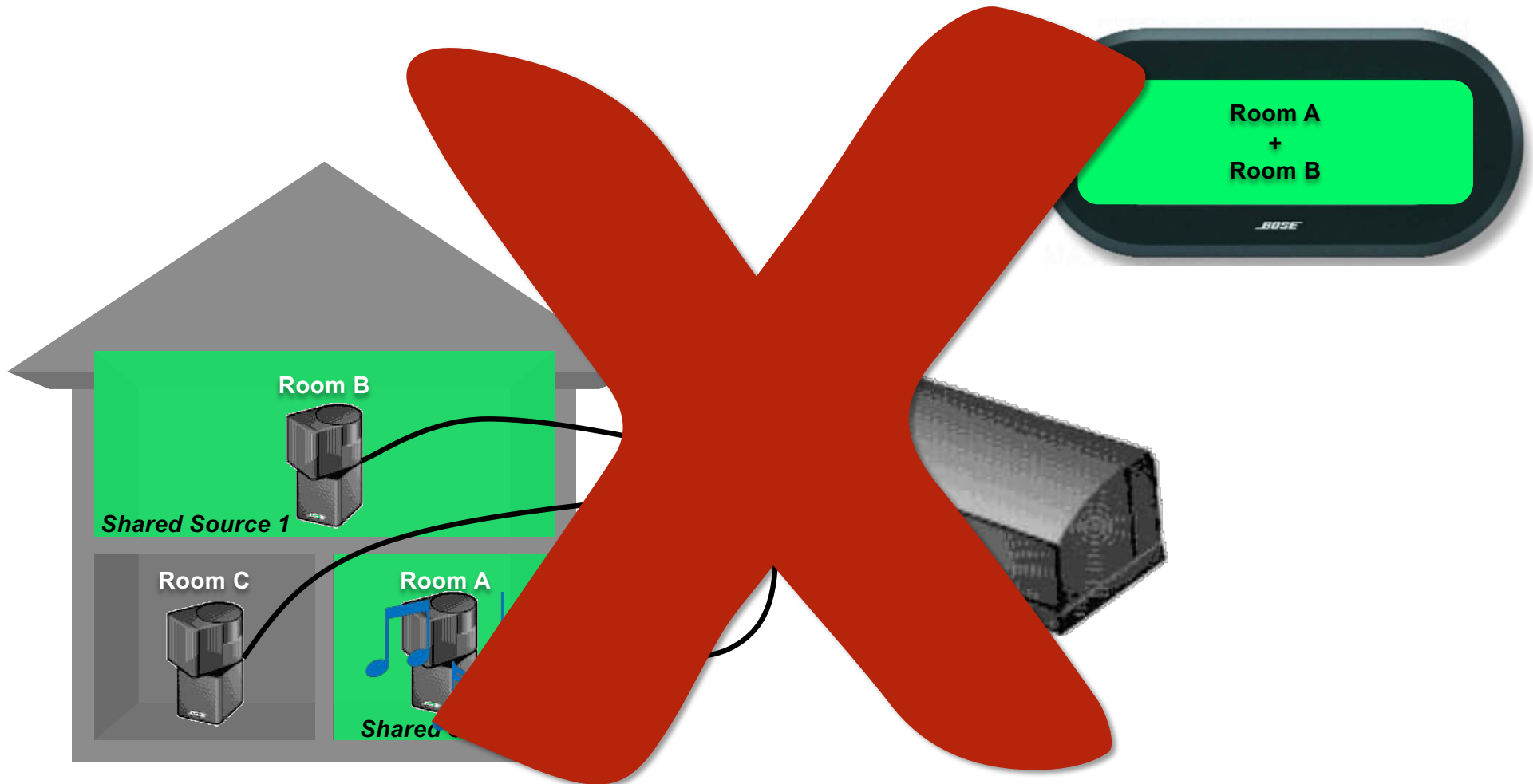
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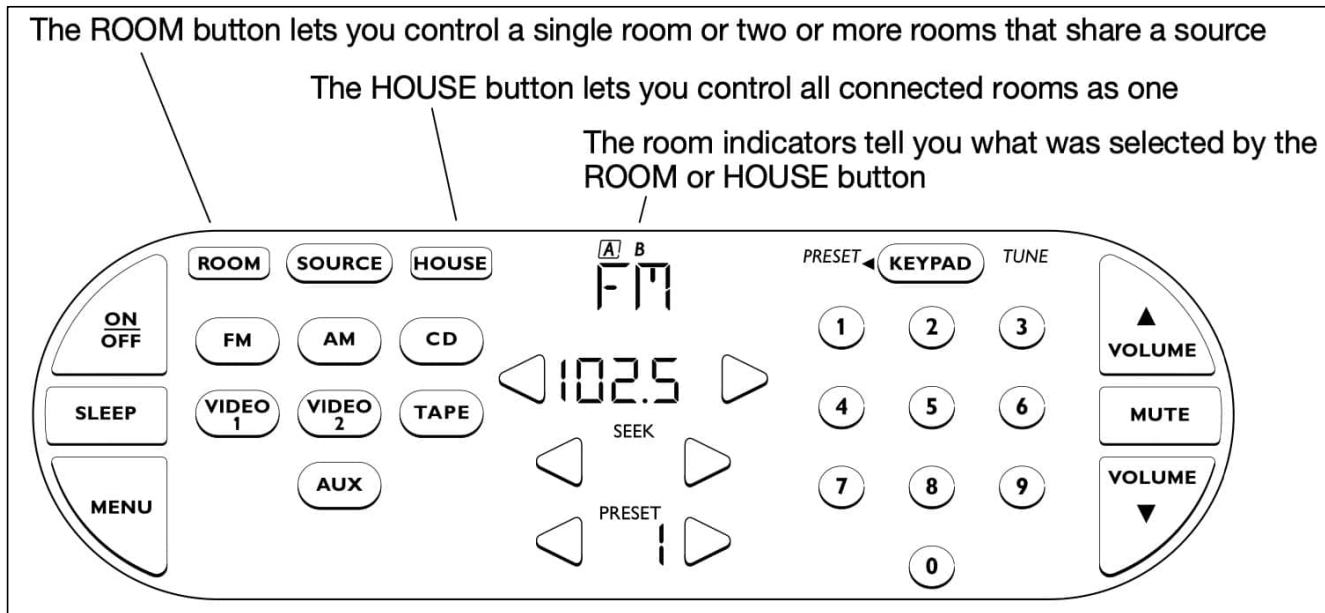
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### ***Returning to single-room control***

After you have gained control of multiple rooms using the ROOM button, you can use the ROOM button again to gain control of a single room. Press ROOM until the room you want is displayed (**A**, **B**, **C**, or **D**). Control that room as desired.

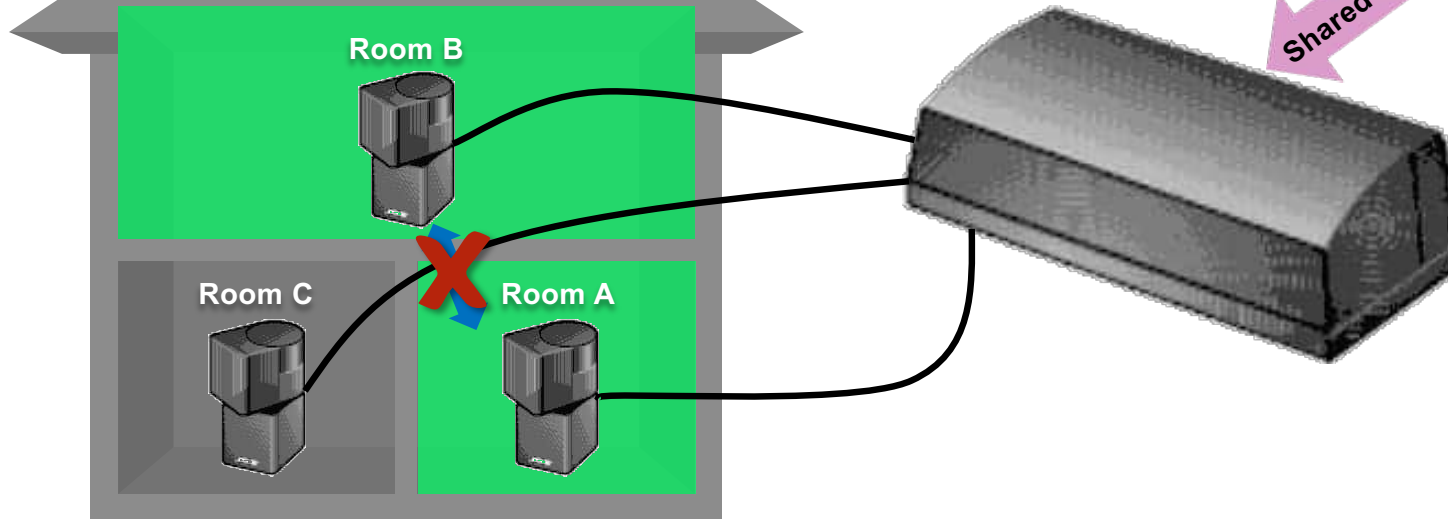
**A** A boxed letter indicates the presently-selected room or rooms. The selected room is affected by any source changes, or any change you make using the VOLUME, MUTE, ON/OFF, or SLEEP buttons.

# Bose Lifestyle Ad-Hoc Grouping

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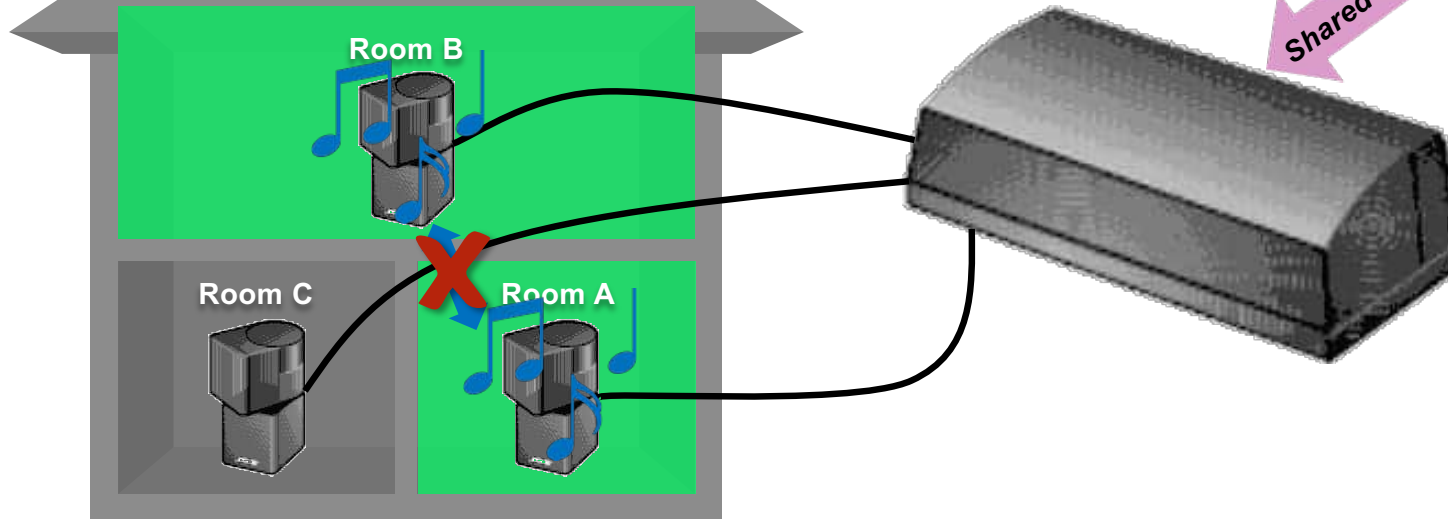


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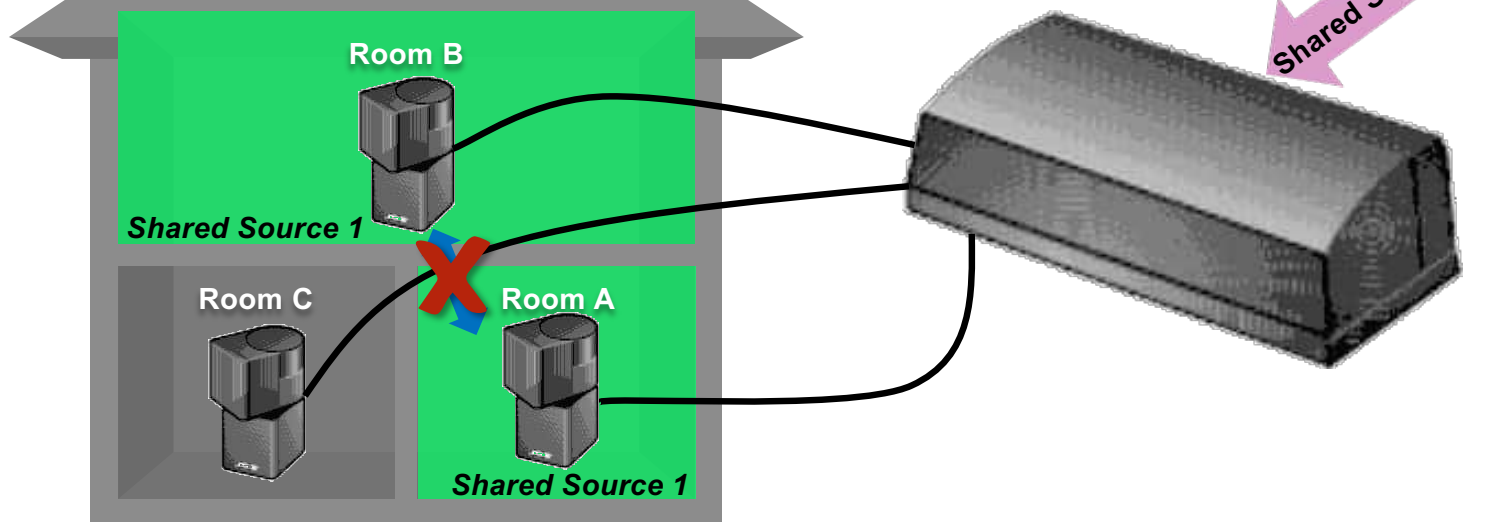


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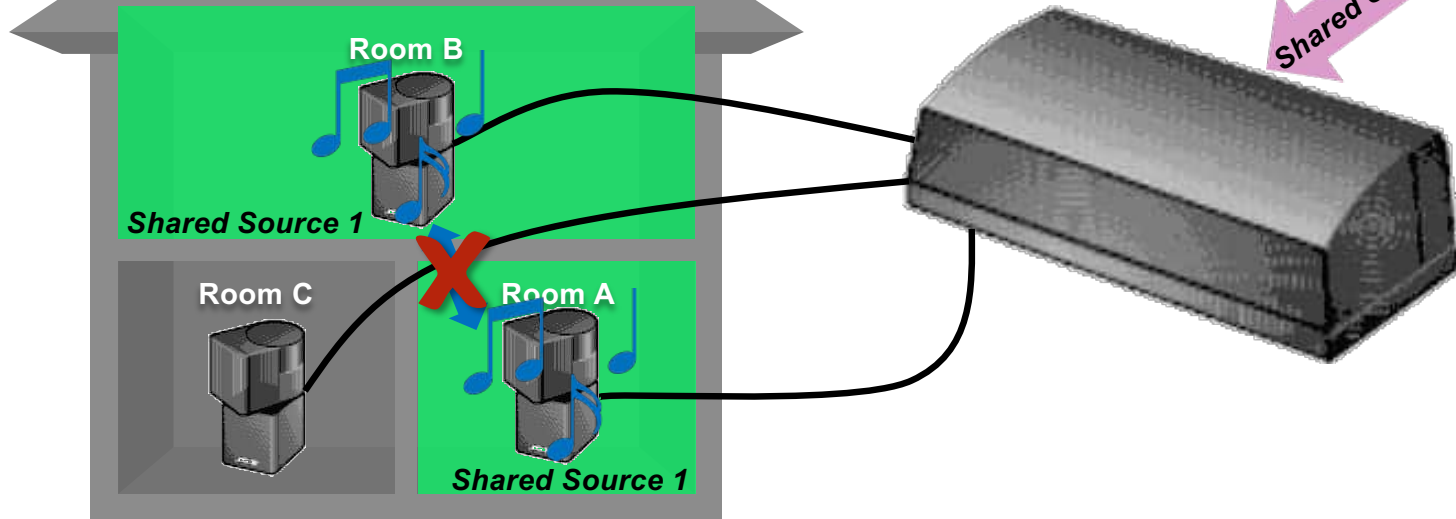


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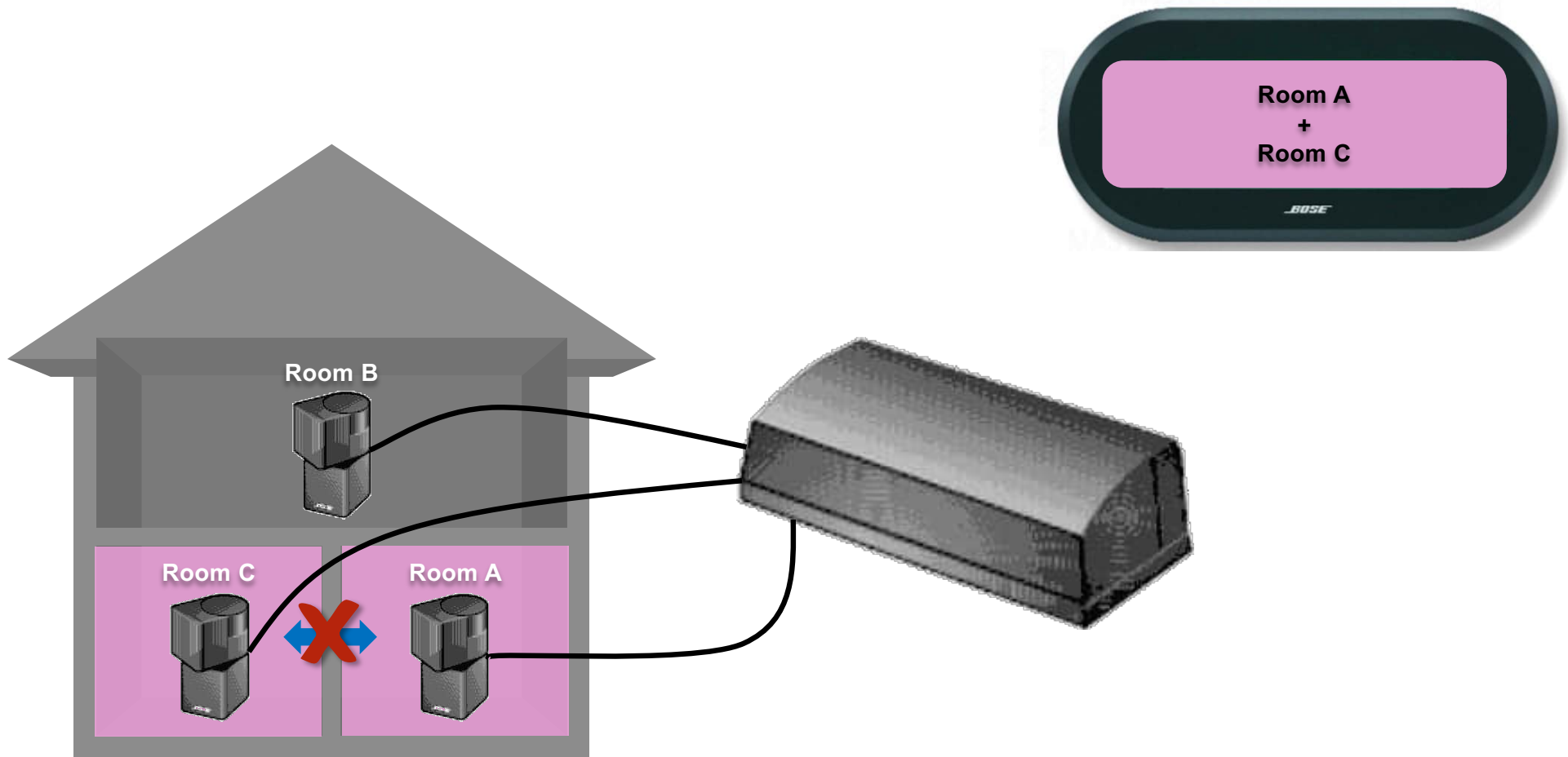
## Setting up a shared source

Now, let's say the system is already on and you want to play the FM radio in rooms A and B:

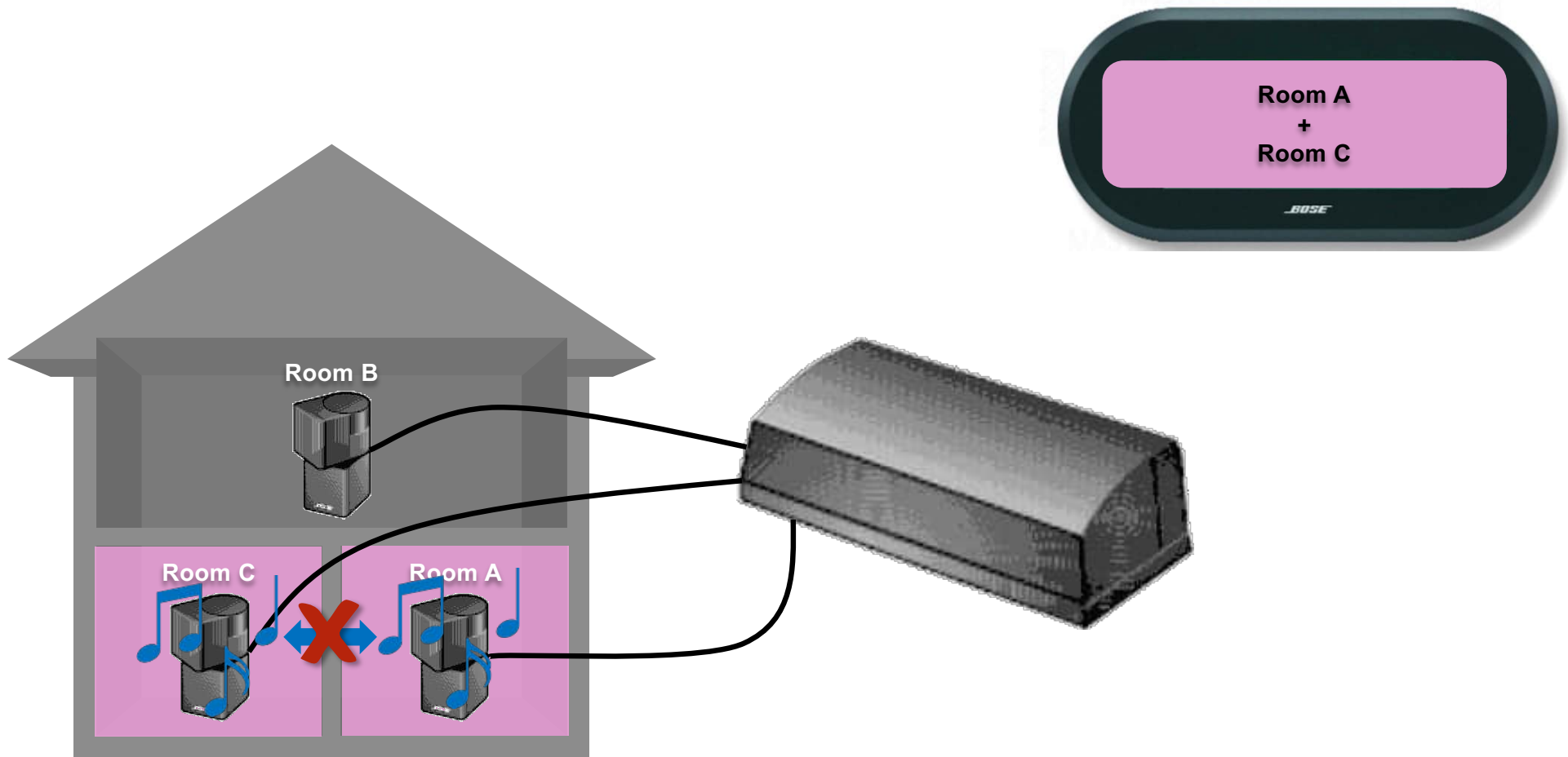
1. Wake up the Personal music center.
2. Press the ROOM button until the room indicator **[A]** is displayed. Press the FM source button and adjust the volume to the desired level for room A.
3. Press the ROOM button again to select room **[B]**. Press the FM source button and adjust the volume to the desired level for room B. Now, the indicators **A [B]** are displayed.
4. Press the ROOM button again. The indicators **[A] [B]** appear on the display indicating that you can control these two rooms together. Any button command given now (SOURCE, VOLUME, MUTE, ON/OFF, SLEEP) is applied to both rooms.



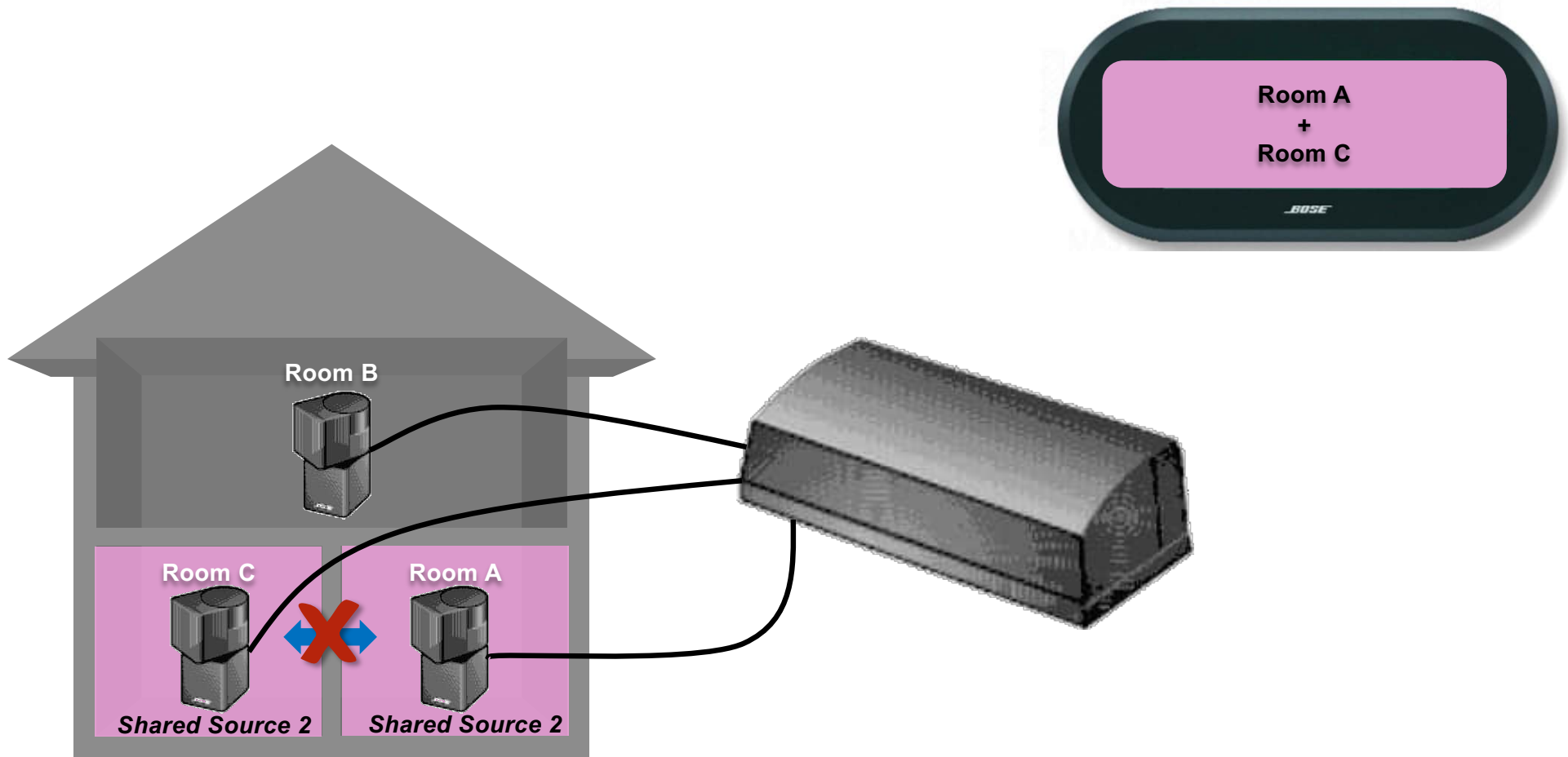
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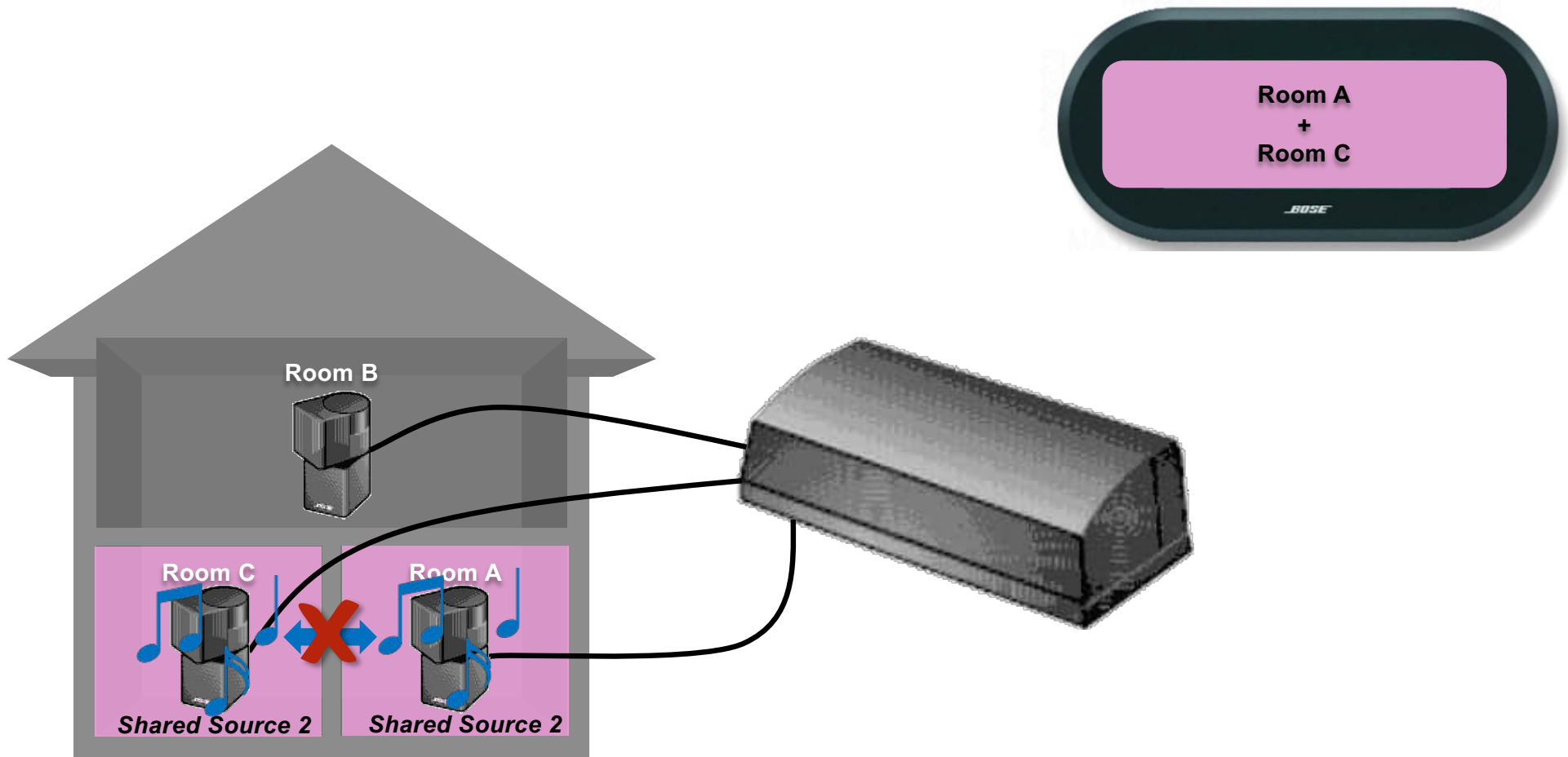
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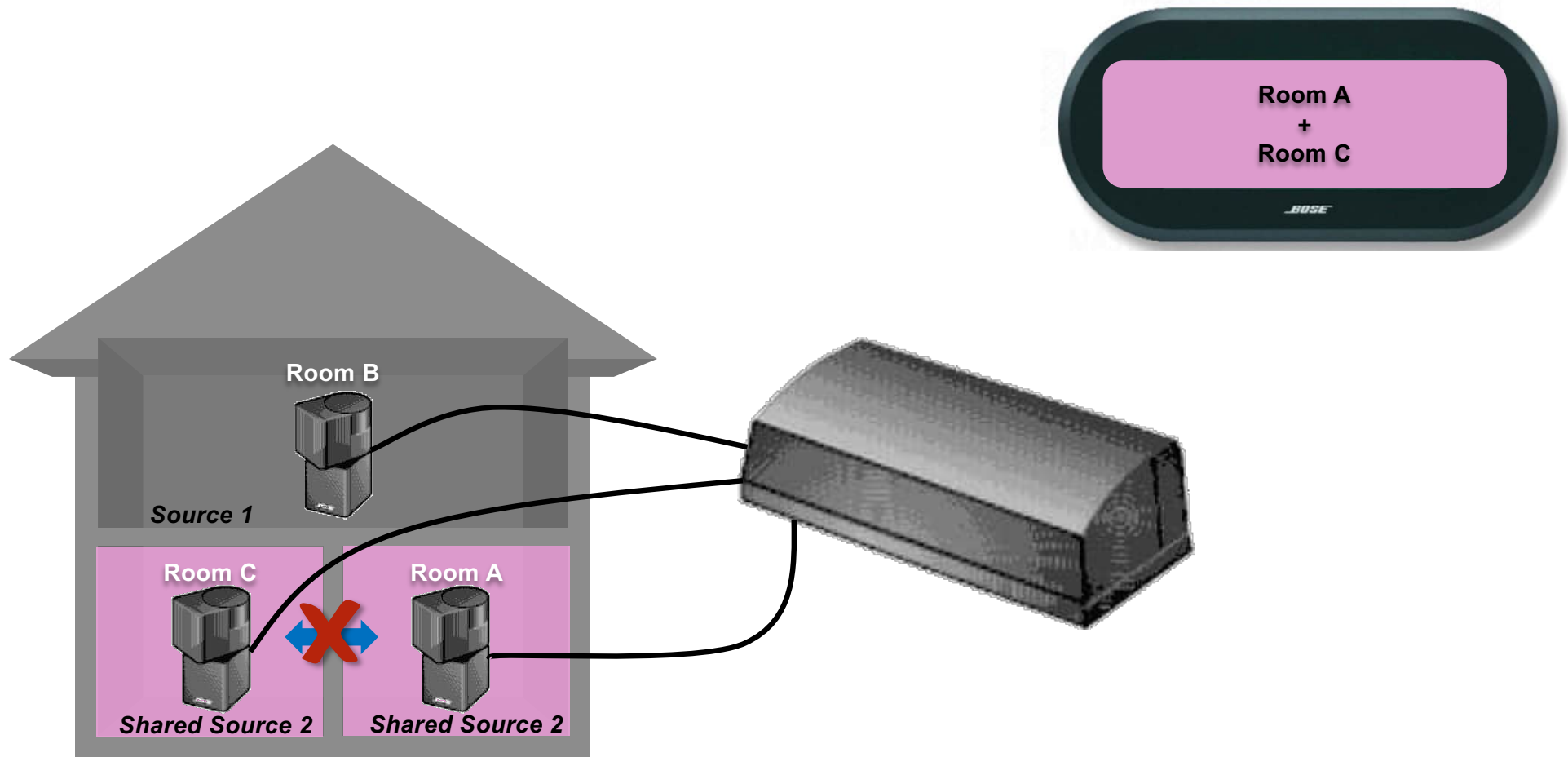
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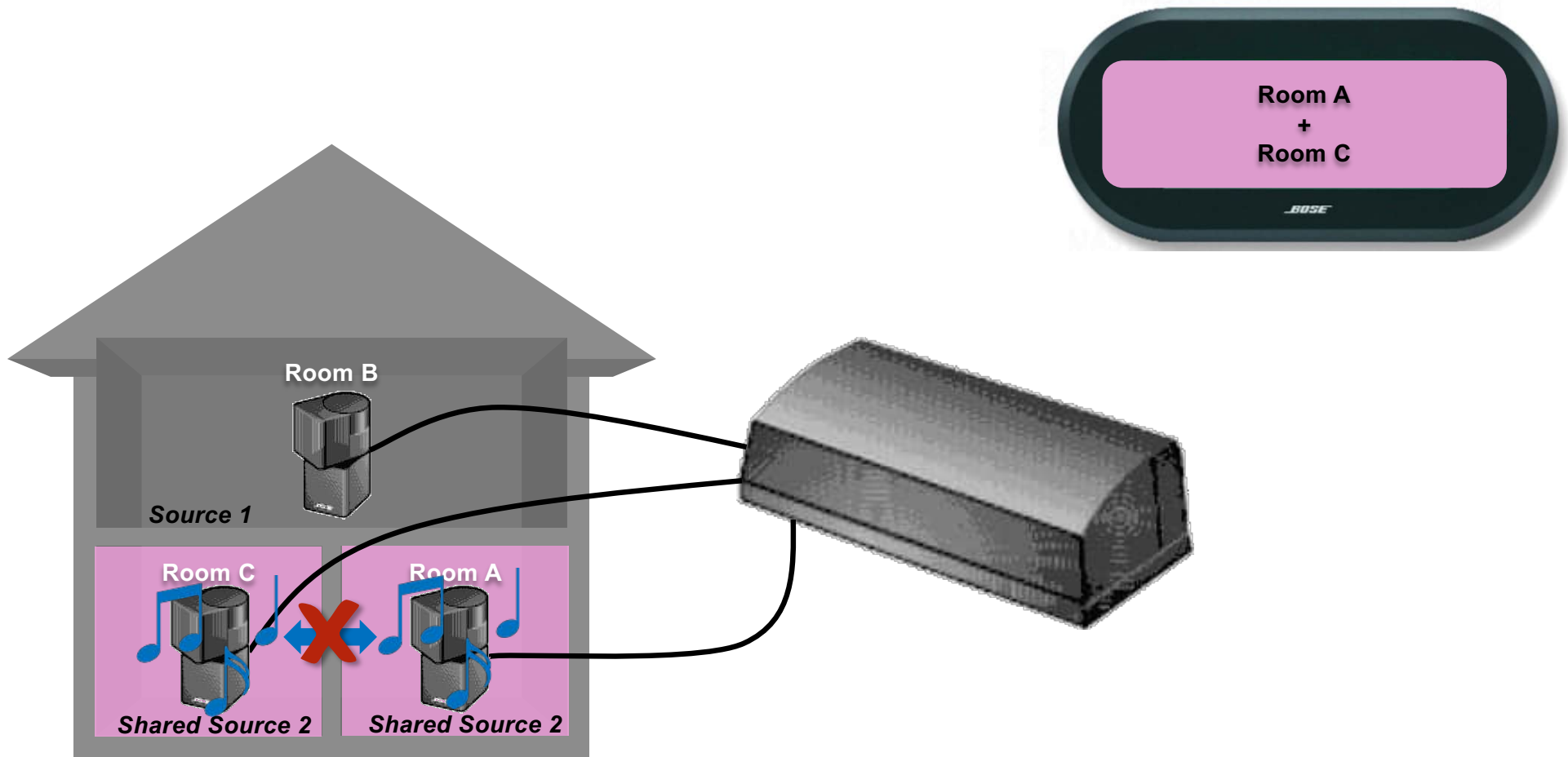
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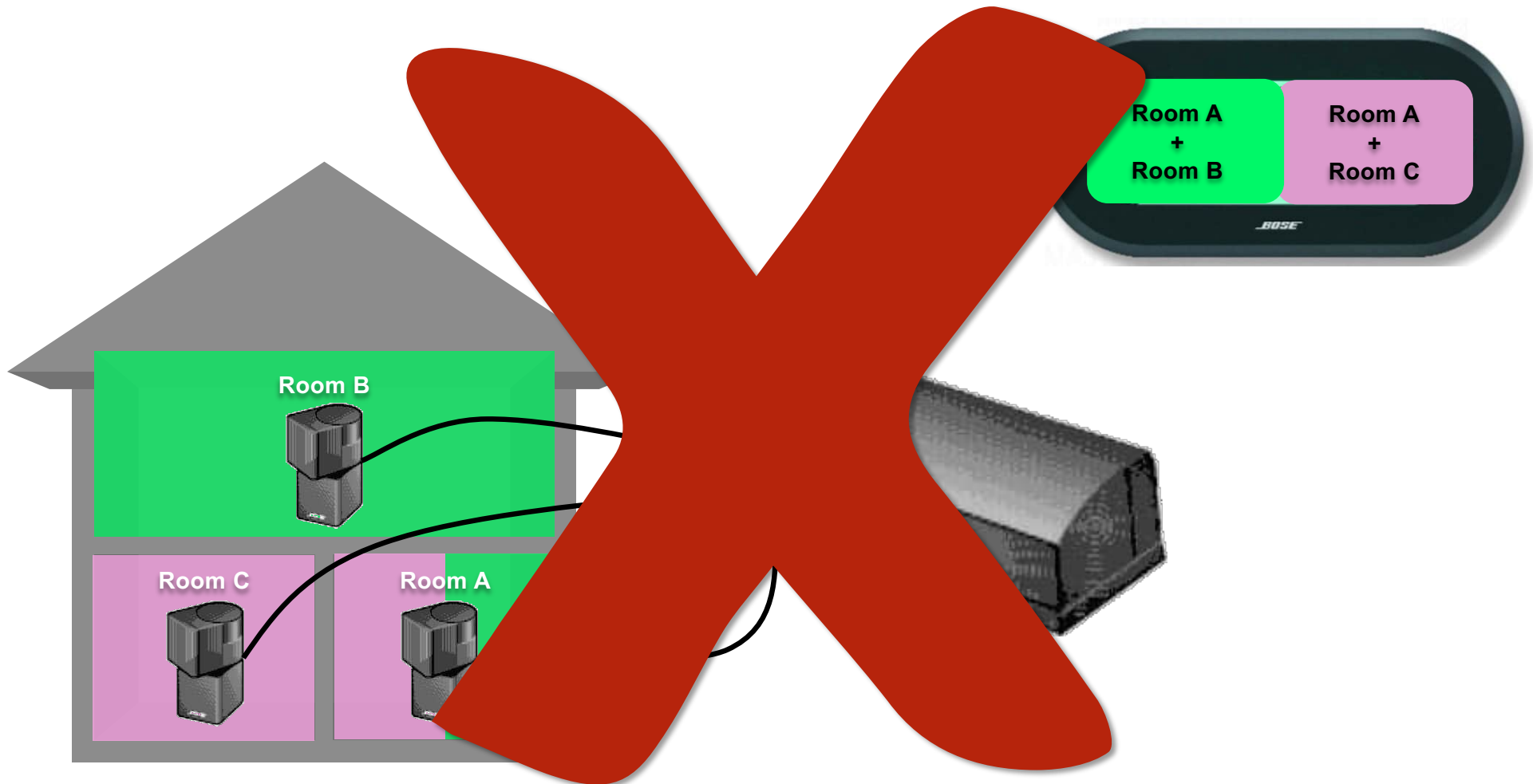
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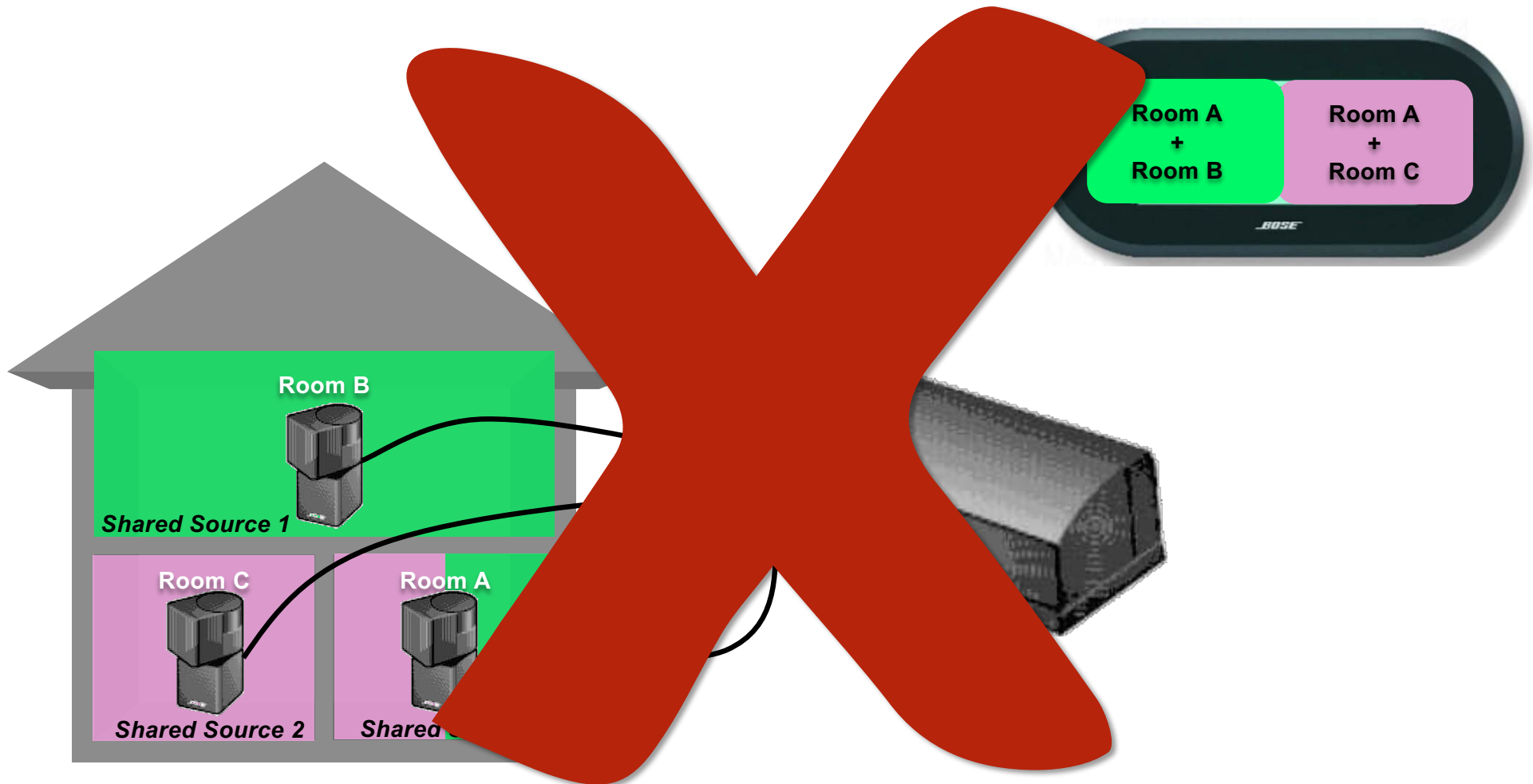


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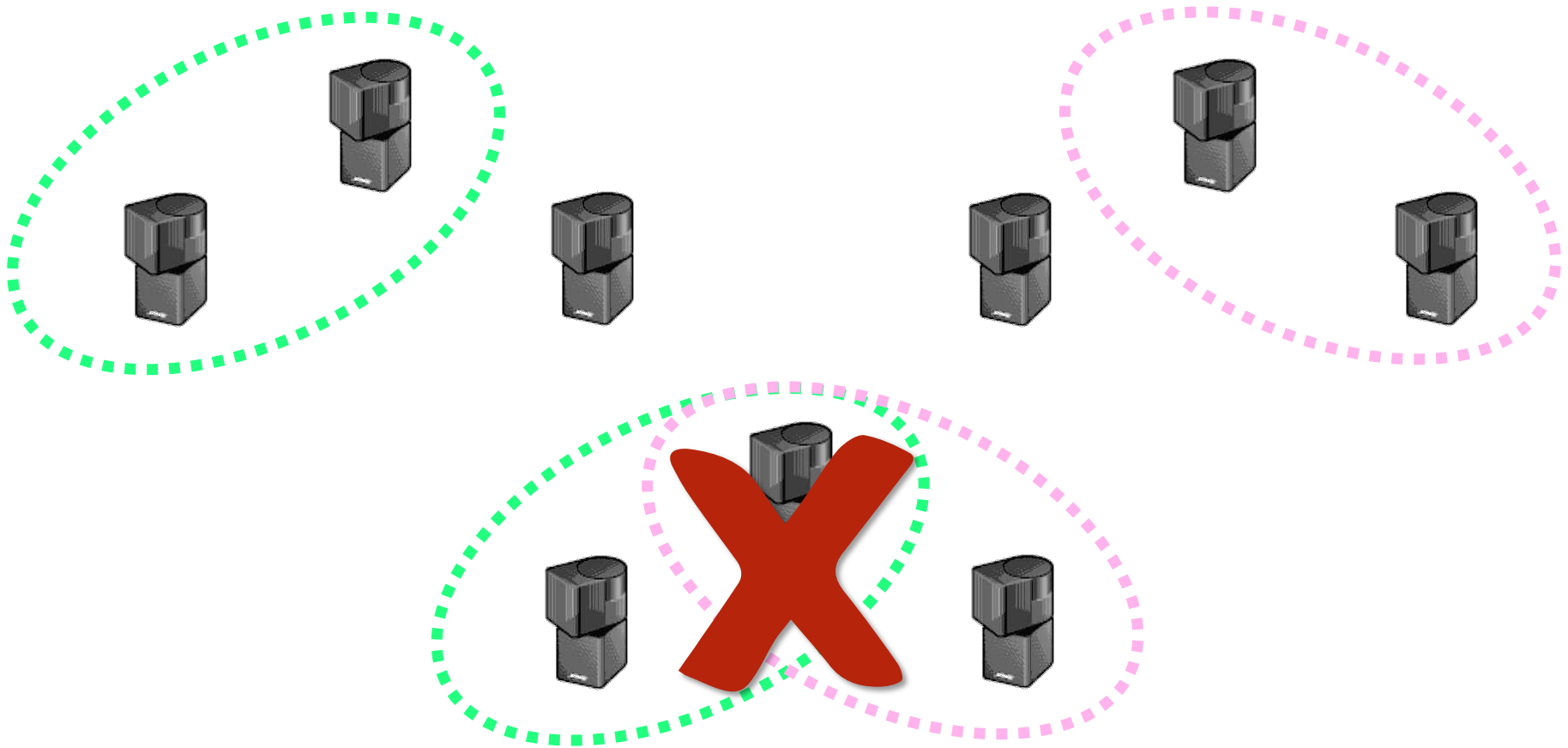




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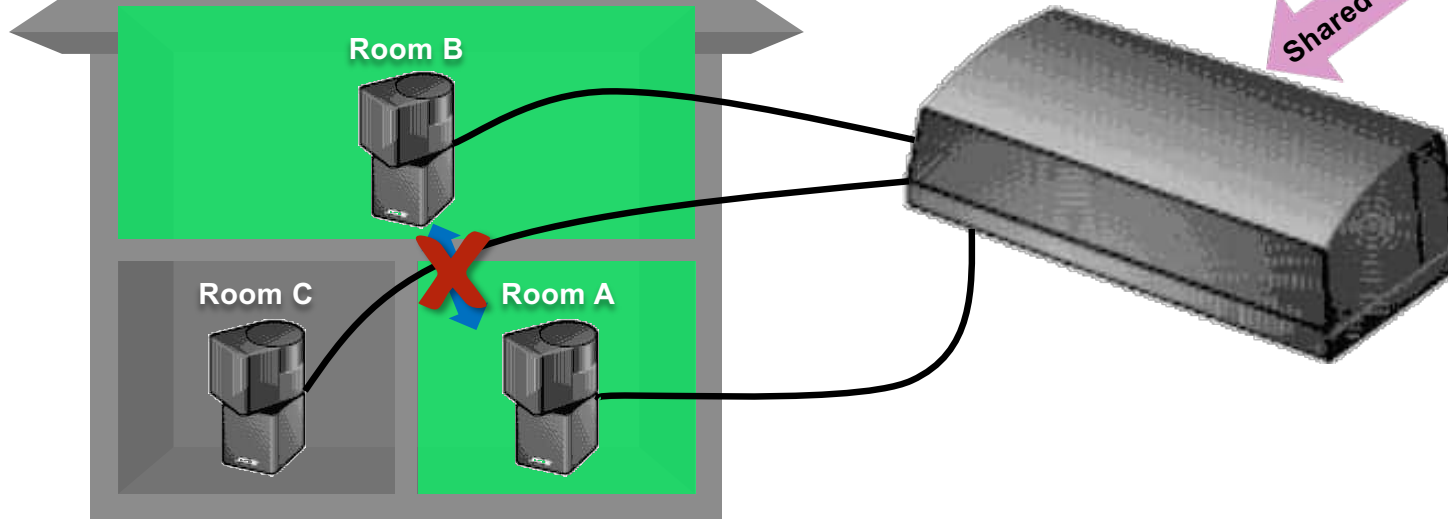
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Using the HOUSE button, you can link all rooms together and control them as one. When you press the HOUSE button, an empty box indicator is displayed for each connected room. Any button pressed after that (any source button, VOLUME, MUTE, or SLEEP) affects every room. When you are done listening you can press OFF to turn off the entire system.

**Note:** If you do not press any additional buttons after pressing HOUSE, pressing HOUSE again cancels HOUSE mode.

Press the HOUSE button before each command to apply that command to all rooms:

Press ...	To do this ...
HOUSE then a source	Play the selected source in all connected rooms.



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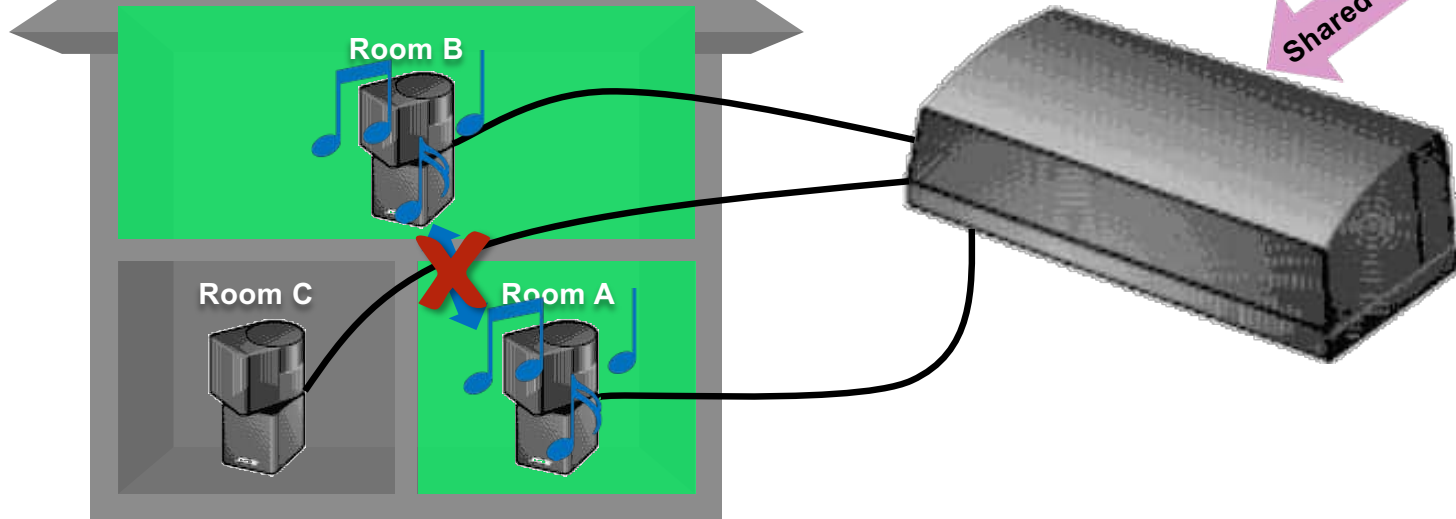
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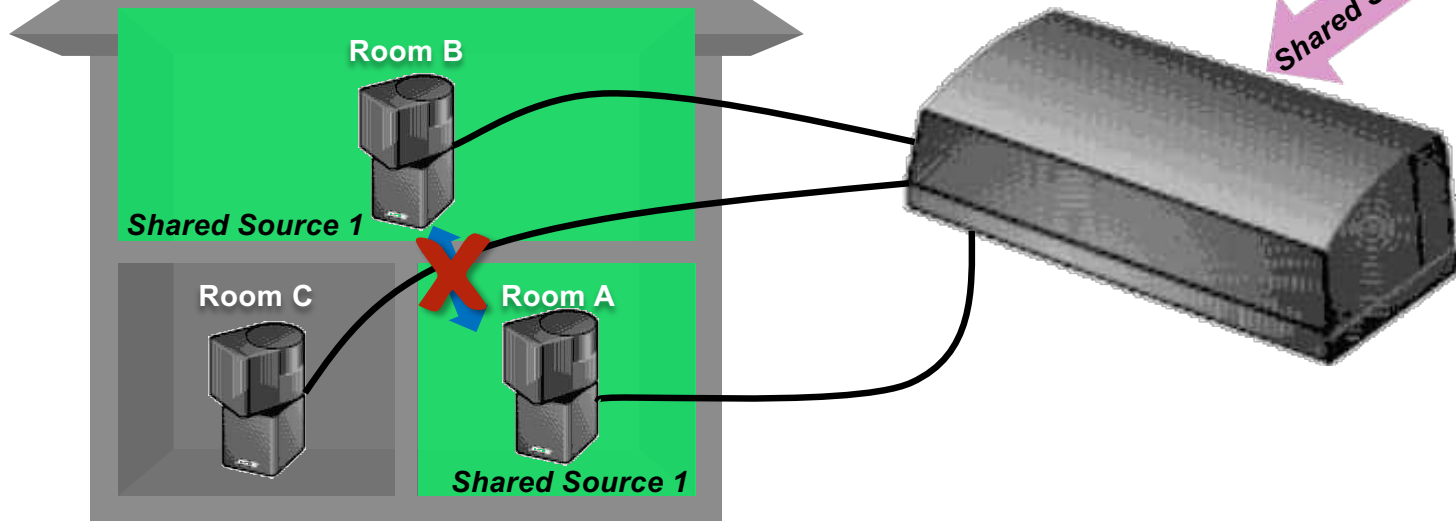
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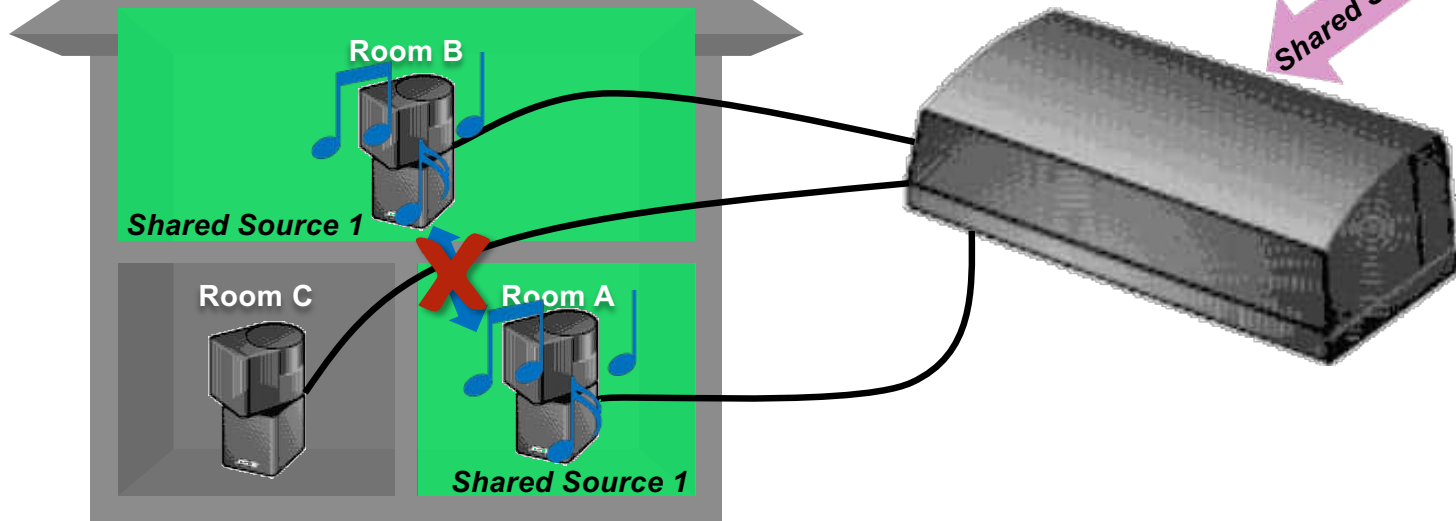
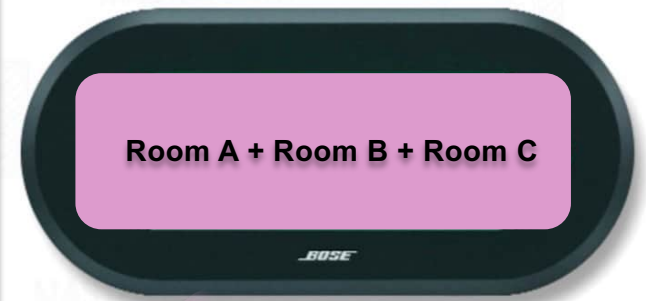
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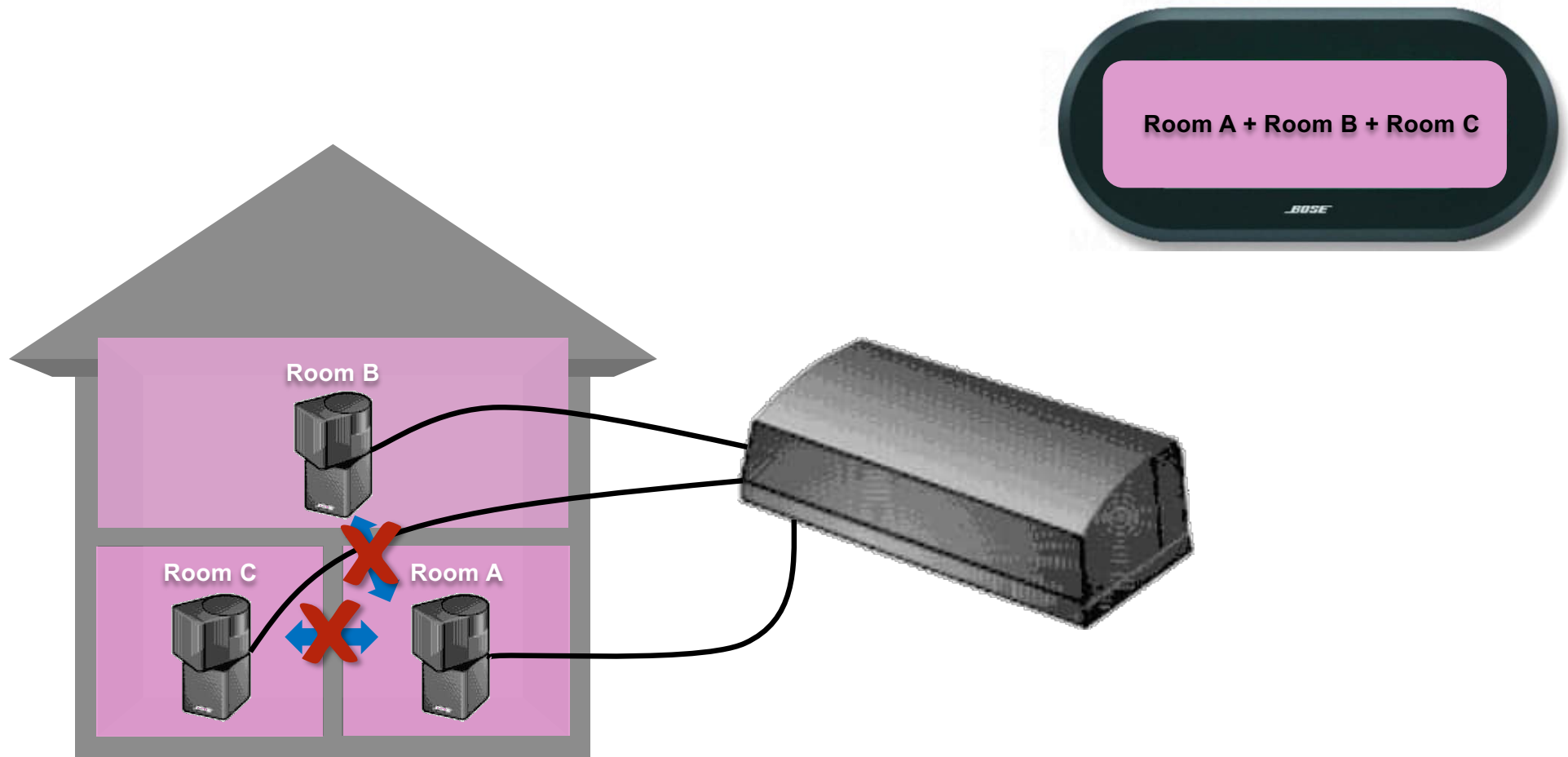
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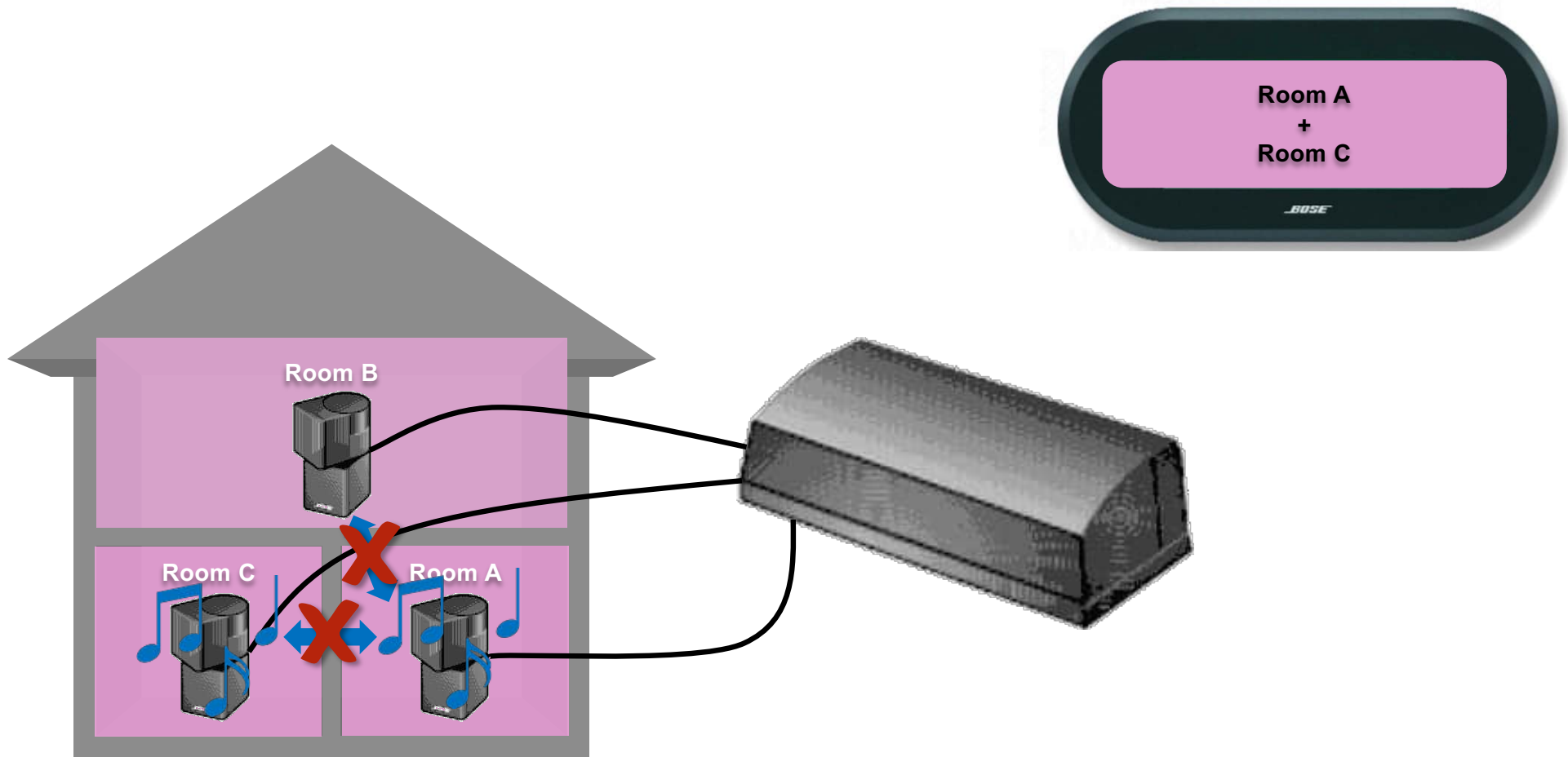
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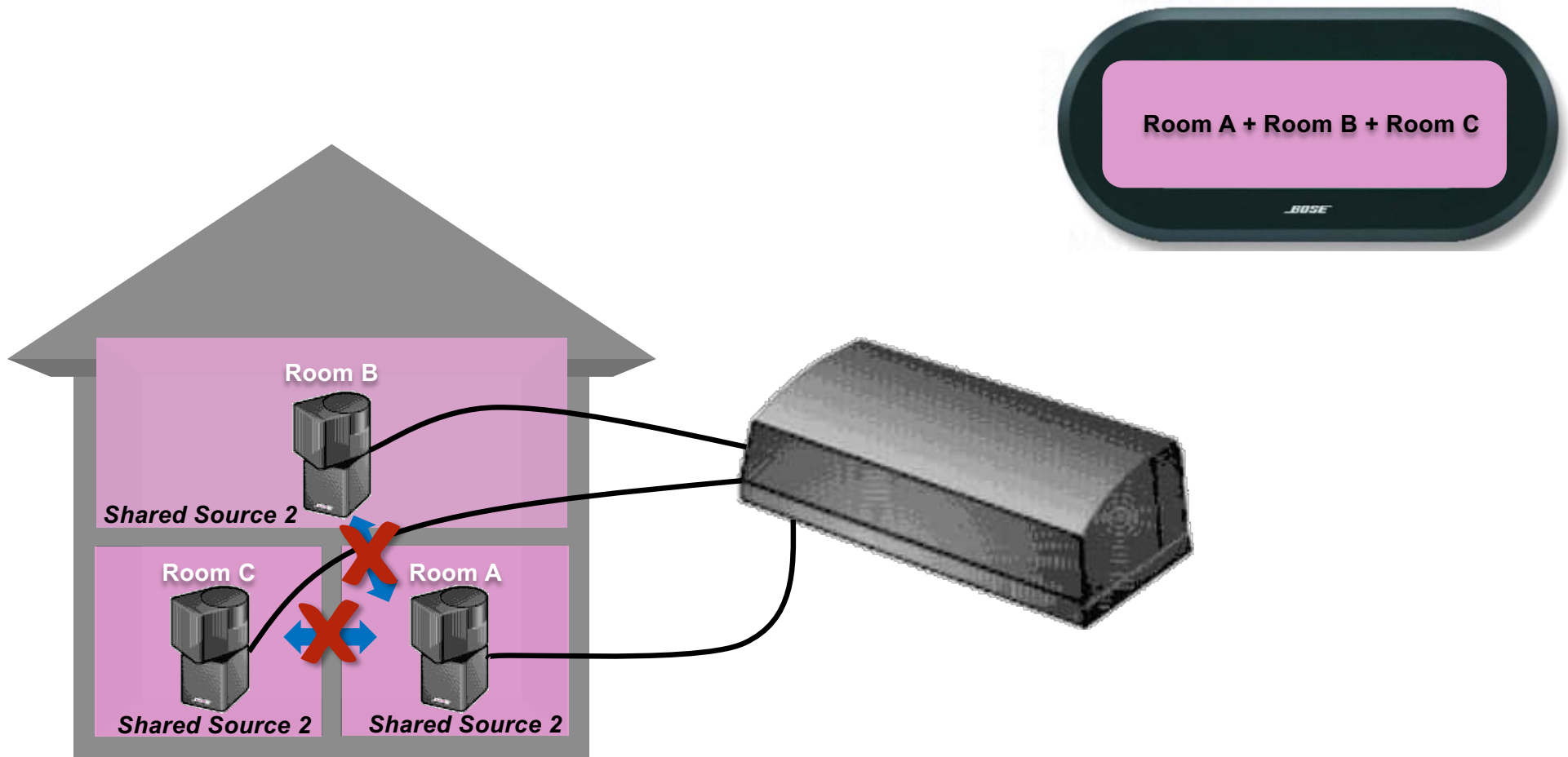


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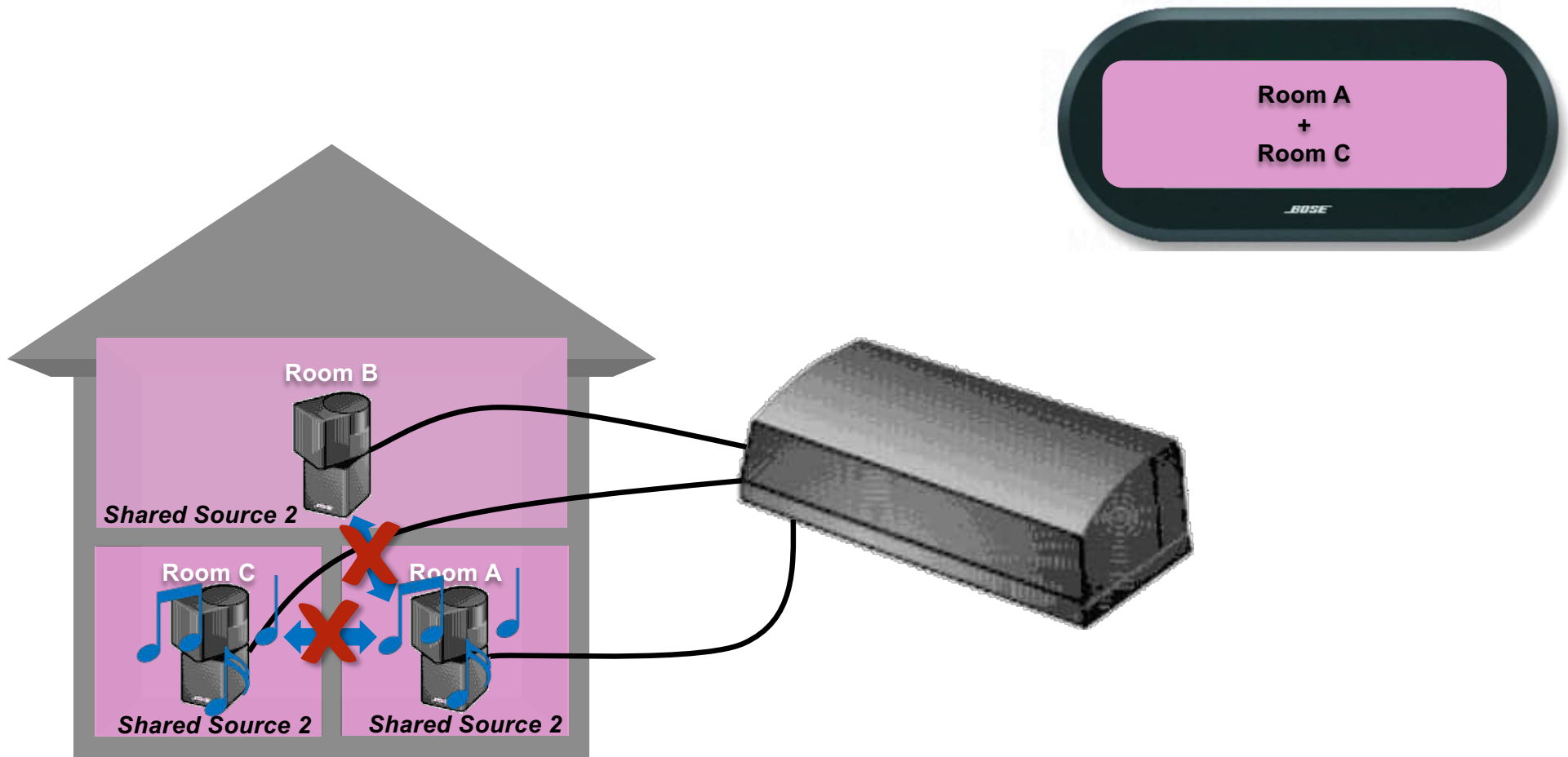




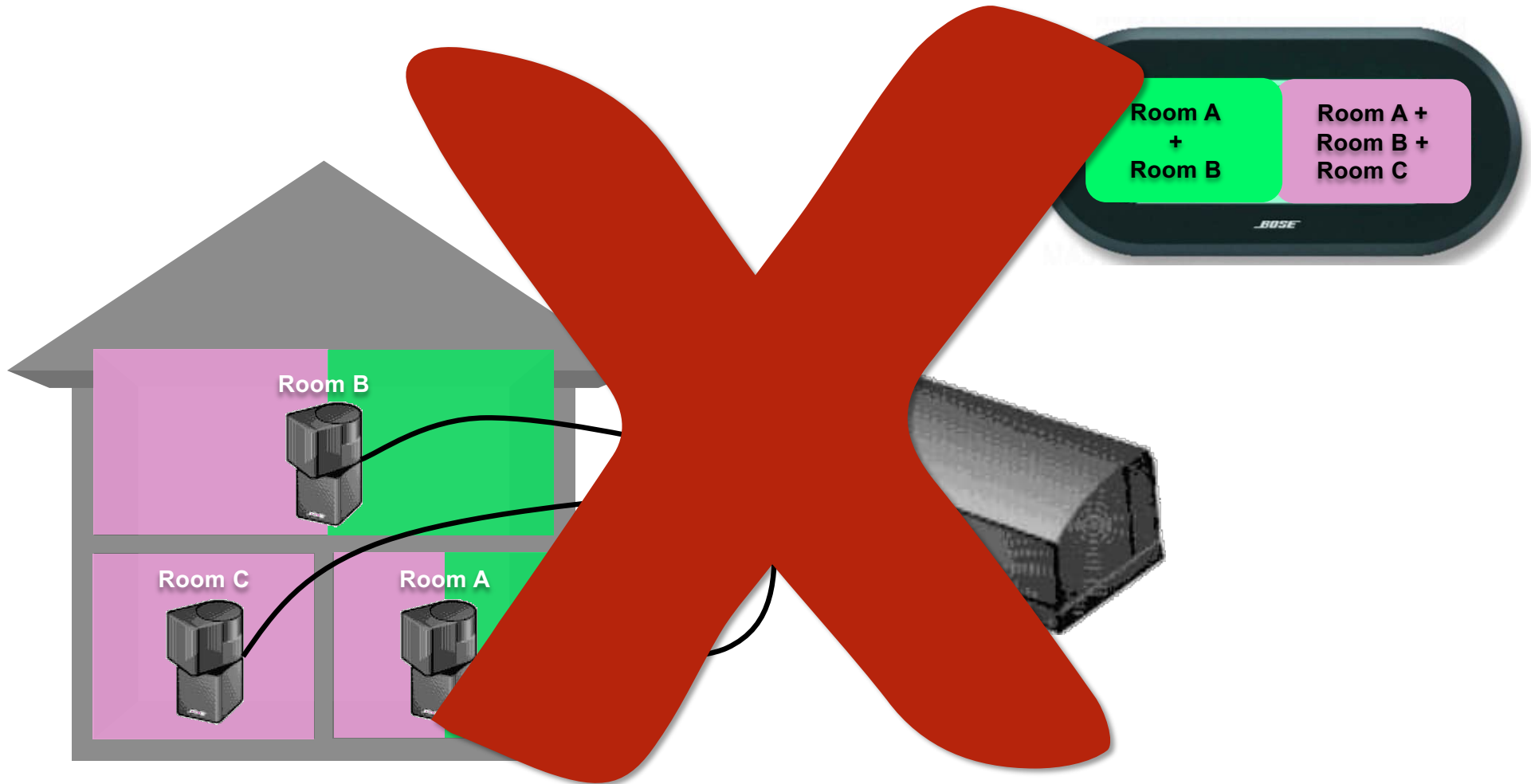
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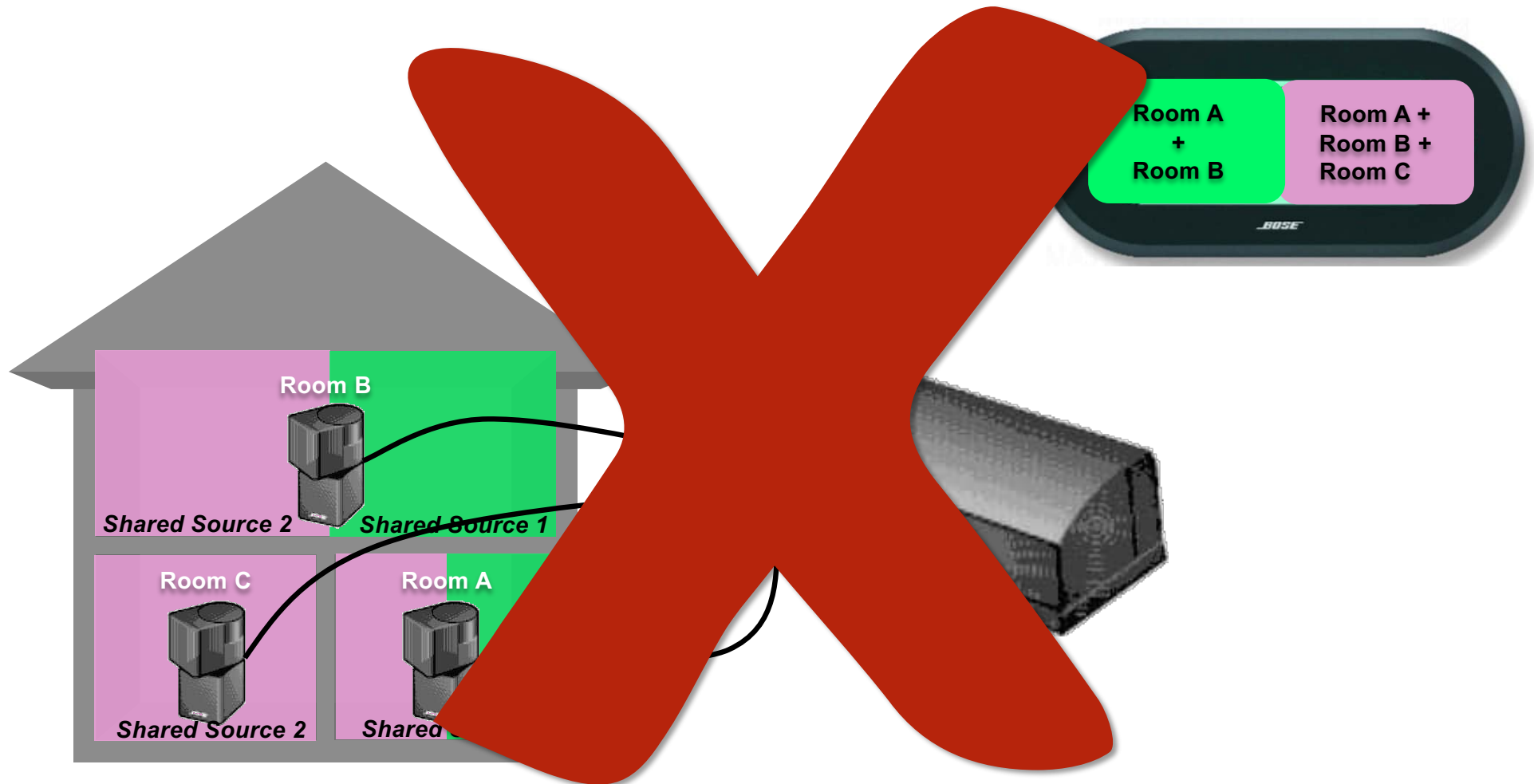
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## Bose Lifestyle Ad-Hoc Grouping – No Overlapping Groups



## Bose Lifestyle Ad-Hoc Grouping – No Overlapping Groups



## '885 Claim 1 Not Obvious based on Bose Lifestyle

'885 Claim 1	Bose Lifestyle
[1.0] A first <b>zone player</b> comprising [1.1] a <b>network interface</b> that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one <b>data network</b> ; [1.2] <b>one or more processors</b> ; [1.3] a <b>non-transitory computer-readable medium</b> ; and [1.4] <b>program instructions</b> stored on the <b>non-transitory computer-readable medium</b> that, when <b>executed by the one or more processors</b> , cause the first zone player to perform functions comprising:	
[1.5] <b>while operating in a standalone mode</b> in which the first <b>zone player</b> is configured to play back media individually in a <b>networked media playback system</b> comprising the first <b>zone player</b> and at least two other <b>zone players</b> :	
[1.6] (i) <b>receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene</b> comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least <b>the first zone player and a second zone player</b> that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and	
[1.7] (ii) <b>receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene</b> comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least <b>the first zone player and a third zone player</b> that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;	
[1.8] <b>after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode</b> until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;	
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[1.10] <b>based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player</b> in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.	

# '885 Patent Claim 1 Not Obvious Over '645 Patent Claim 1

## '885 Patent Claim 1

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[1.4] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the first zone player to perform functions comprising:

## '645 Patent Claim 1

1. A **multimedia controller** including a processor, the controller configured to:

receive, at the controller via a packet network, a zone group configuration;

display, via a user interface, a plurality of zones, each zone containing at least one zone player to playback multimedia content from a multimedia source;

## '885 Patent Claim 1 Not Obvious Over '645 Patent Claim 1

### **'885 Patent Claim 1**

**[1.5]** while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:

### **'645 Patent Claim 1**

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[1.6] (i) receiving, **from a network device** over a data network, a **first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene** comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are **to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked**; and

### '645 Patent Claim 1

receive, **via the user interface**, a **first user input**, the first user input **selecting a first zone of the plurality of zones** and, wherein the **first user input instructs the first zone of the plurality of zones to play a first multimedia content**;



## '885 Patent Claim 1 Not Obvious Over '645 Patent Claim 1

### '885 Patent Claim 1

[1.7] (ii) receiving, **from the network device** over the data network, a **second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene** comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are **to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked**, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;

### '645 Patent Claim 1

receive, **via the user interface**, a **second user input**, the second user input **identifying at least one additional zone of the plurality of zones to be grouped with the first zone into a zone group**, such that the zone group **will synchronously play the first multimedia content** currently being played by the first zone;

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## '885 Patent Claim 1

[1.8] **after receiving** the first and second indications, **continuing to operate in the standalone mode** until a given one of the first and second **zone scenes** has been **selected for invocation**;

[1.9] **after** the given one of the first and second **zone scenes** has been **selected for invocation**, **receiving**, from the network device over the data network, an **instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes** respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and

[1.10] based on the instruction, **transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players** such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

## '645 Patent Claim 1

**transmit**, to a zone player of the **zone group** via a packet network, a **modified zone group configuration**, wherein the modified zone group configuration causes the zone player of the zone group **to configure the zones in the zone group to synchronize playback of the first multimedia** content currently being played by the first zone; and

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[1.9] after the given one of the first and second **zone scenes has been selected for invocation**, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an **instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes** respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and

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receive, via the user interface, a **first user input**, the first user input selecting a first zone of the plurality of zones and, wherein the **first user input instructs the first zone of the plurality of zones to play a first multimedia content**;

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[1.10] based on the instruction, **transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players** such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

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## Sonos Forums

### Virtual Zones and Zone Grouping

17 years ago · 190 replies · 45480 views

27 February 2005

 theboyg Avid Contributor I · 22 replies

This "link/unlink" business is really cumbersome - and not a joy to use which goes against the ease of use of the rest of the system.

Why can't I have a virtual zone - ie a zone called "Downstairs" - and I can group all my downstairs zones into this. Then I dont have to keep manually linking/unlinking multiple zones everytime.

PLEASE !

G.

### Macro / presets

16 years ago · 61 replies · 15122 views

22 September 2005

 JeffT Trending Lyricist I · 20 replies

Just got the Intro bundle, and I am impressed. I did a search and did not find this suggested, but I would save Zone links as favorites. With only 2 ZPs it is not a problem yet, but when I add more it maybe. I would like to setup say Morning mode for the units I want in the morning and a preset volume between the units. **Another example I would have 2 party modes, Summer and Winter. The Summer mode would include the deck speakers and the Winter mode would not.** Also it would be nice to have playlists or radio station associated with each mode. So when I get up I press Morning the DI Chill radio station plays.

Jeff



## Dr. Schonfeld's "Sonos Forums" Reference

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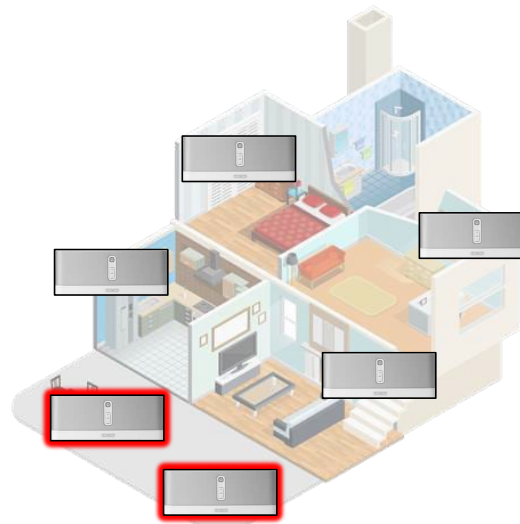


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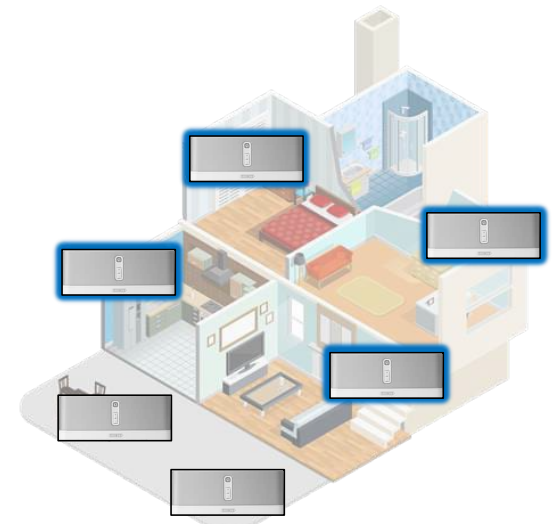
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### Summer mode



### Winter mode



## Dr. Schonfeld's "Sonos Forums" Reference

 Majik · 6113 replies · 16 years ago  
Agreed. 18 April 2006

The ease of lining/unlinking zones is also dependent on the number of zones you have. 2 or 3 zones isn't too much of an imposition, but I imagine 6 or more is quite painful.

Just imagine if you had the full 32 zones!

At the moment we have a single, pre-defined group, that being "All Zones". I would like to see this as the default, but with the ability to configure your own groups and to delete the "All zones" group (some may not want this).

This would help with people who are having trouble blasting their neighbours during 2am parties by accidentally selecting hottub/garden.

Now this brings an interesting question: should zones be allowed to be in more than one group? If this is allowed, are there any unwanted side-effects with this?

Personally I would be happy with a grouping that allowed zones to be in at most one group (and this might be the easiest to implement), but others may not.


Also, if zone groups were allowed, what "display options" would be useful for the Zones display. Off the top of my head I can see uses for:

- \* Hide all zones (only show groups)
- \* Sorting (by name or groups before zones)

These could be either by a user preference or by a toggle button on the zone screen.

Also, how would these be displayed on the other screens (e.g. now playing)... as groups or as individual zones? I suspect individual zones would be better, as this takes into account all circumstances of use.


Cheers,  
Keith

 jgatie · 23210 replies · 6 years ago  
8 January 2016

Once again, it is logically impossible to have the same speakers in multiple groups. It's demonstrate:

Given speakers 1 2 3  
Group A contains speakers 1 & 2  
Group B contains speakers 2 & 3

If I play Led Zeppelin in Group A and Chopin in Group B, what is playing on speaker 2?

 jgatie · 23215 replies · 6 years ago  
8 January 2016

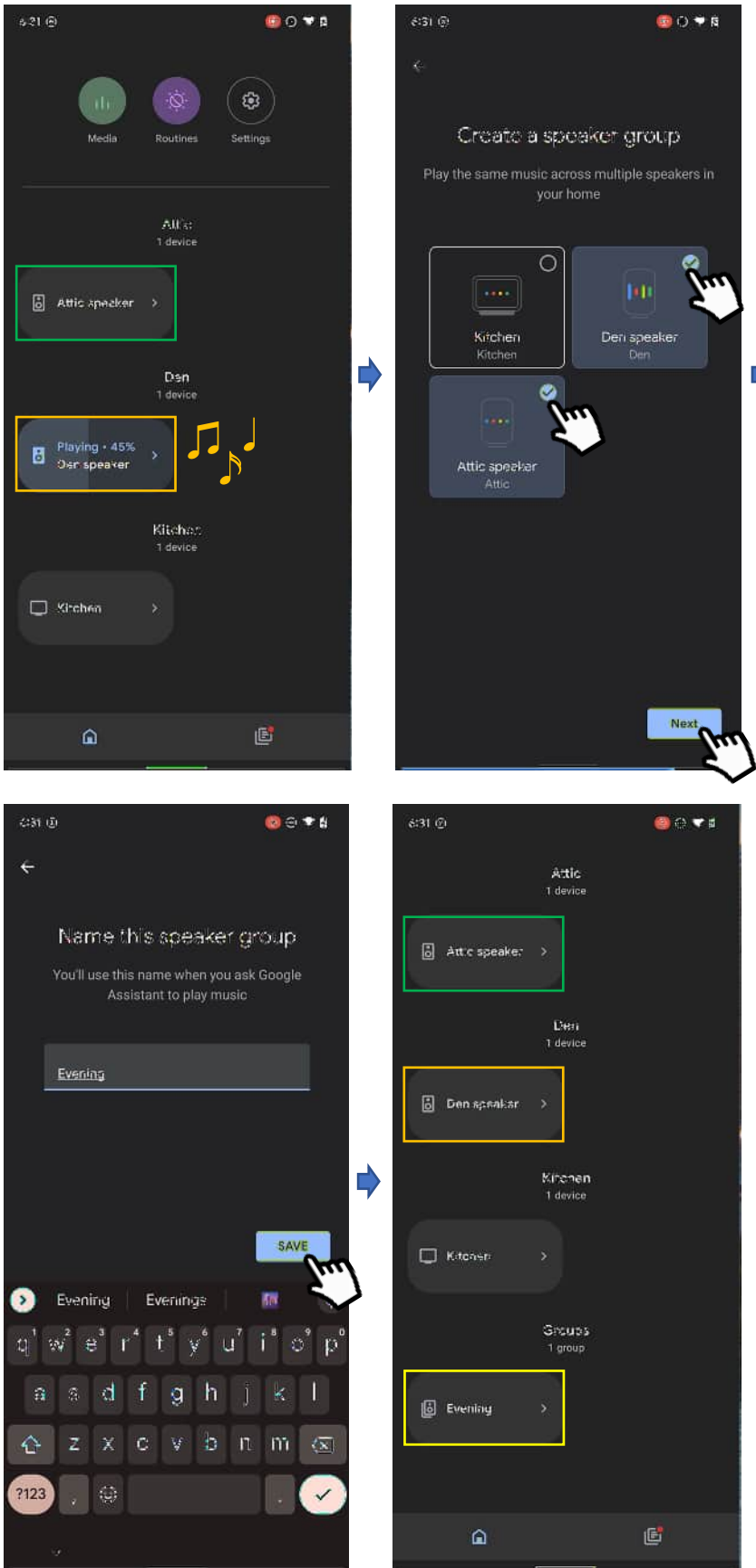
**The Mekon wrote:**  
*Well that's easy - either just play on the speaker the most recent group selected, or throw an error when you try to play a group when that speaker is already in a different group that is playing. It doesn't really matter - it's not a situation that most people would configure, and so long as whatever method is consistent, who cares?*

As a software developer, I care. I support creating permanent groups. I do not support the illogical concept of a speaker belonging to more than one group. It's stupid.

# Appendix A

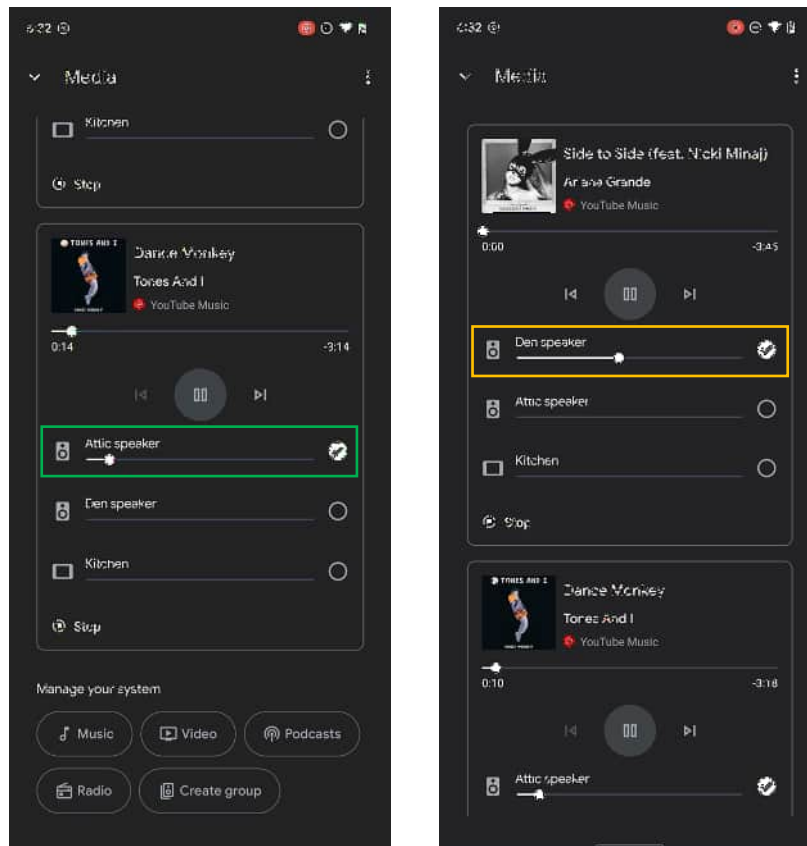
### **Creating a New Speaker Group**

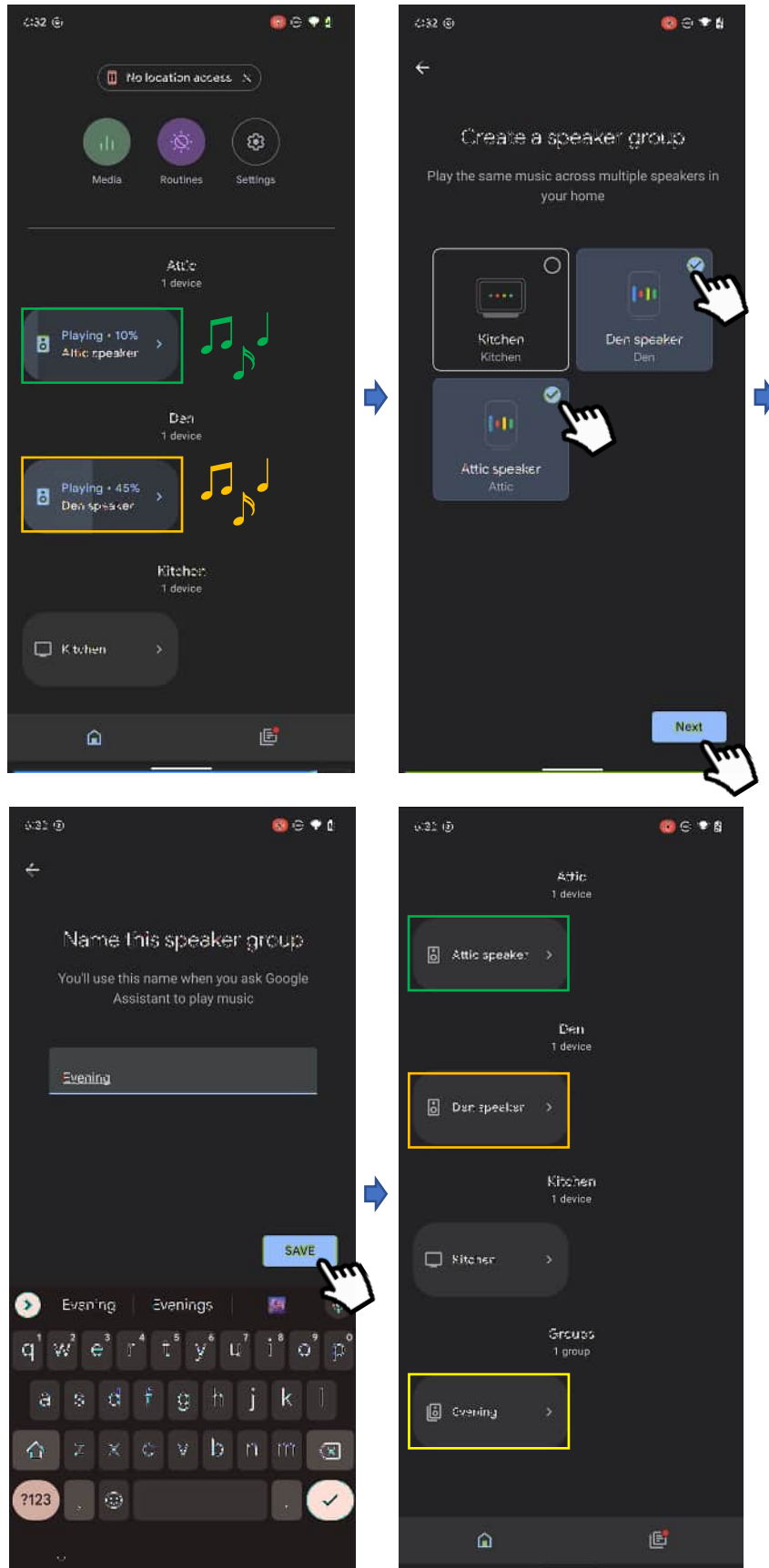
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### Creating a New Speaker Group

Scenario #2: A first Accused Google Player (“Attic speaker”) that is operating in standalone mode and is individually engaging in active playback (playing “Dance Monkey”) and a second Accused Google Player (“Den speaker”) that is operating in standalone mode is individually engaging in active playback (playing “Side to Side”) are both added to a new speaker group (“Evening”).

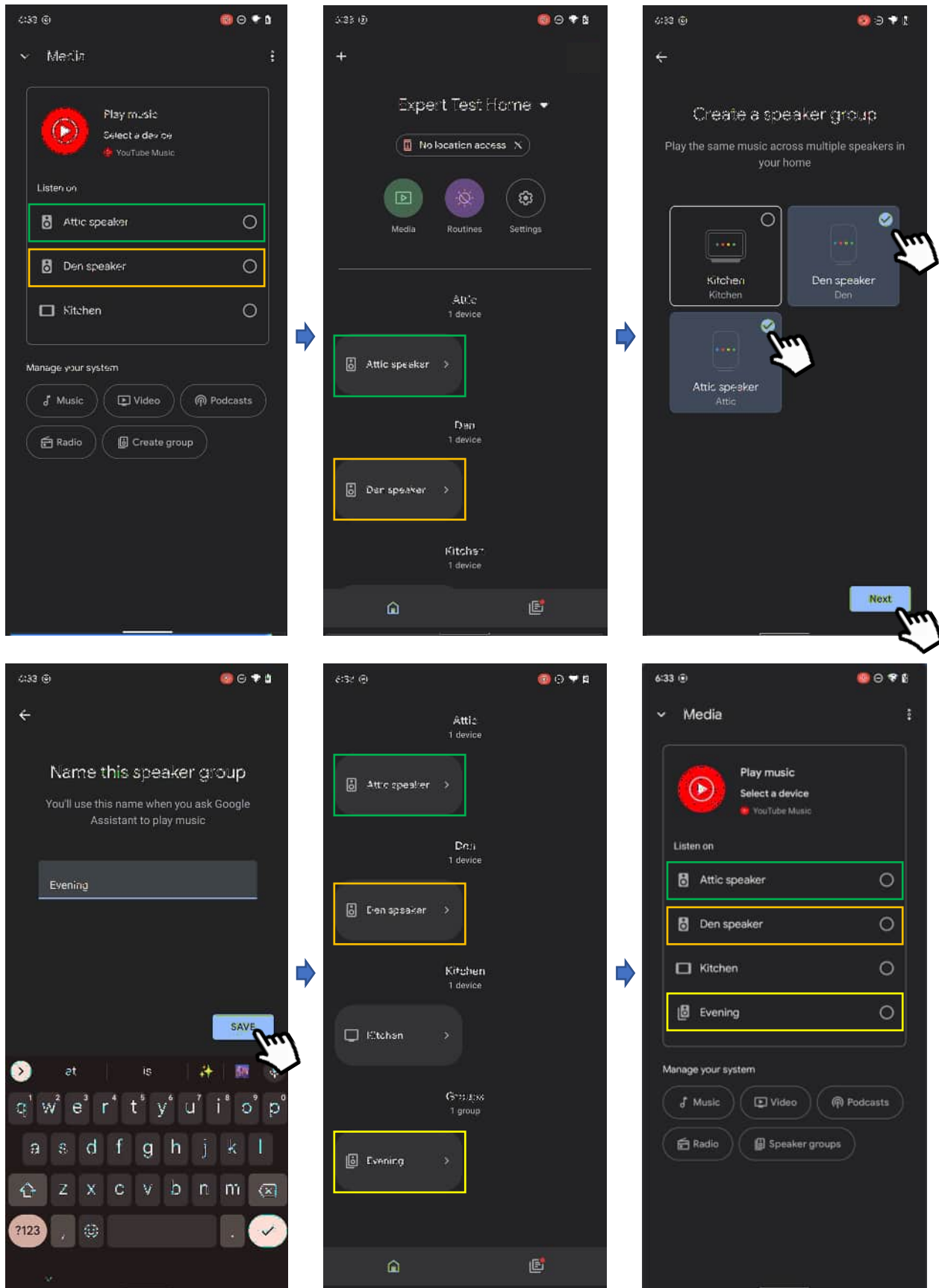




### **Creating a New Speaker Group**

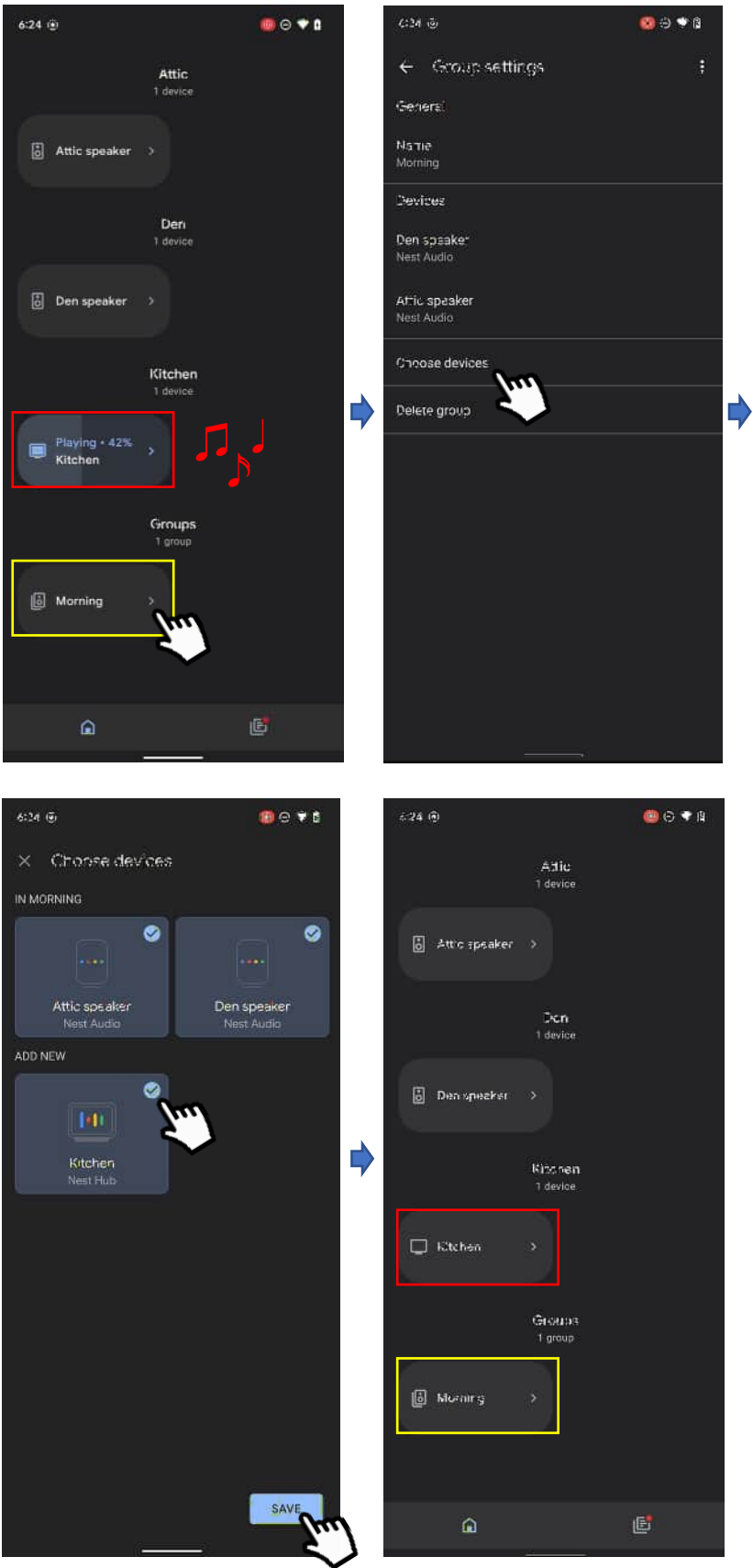
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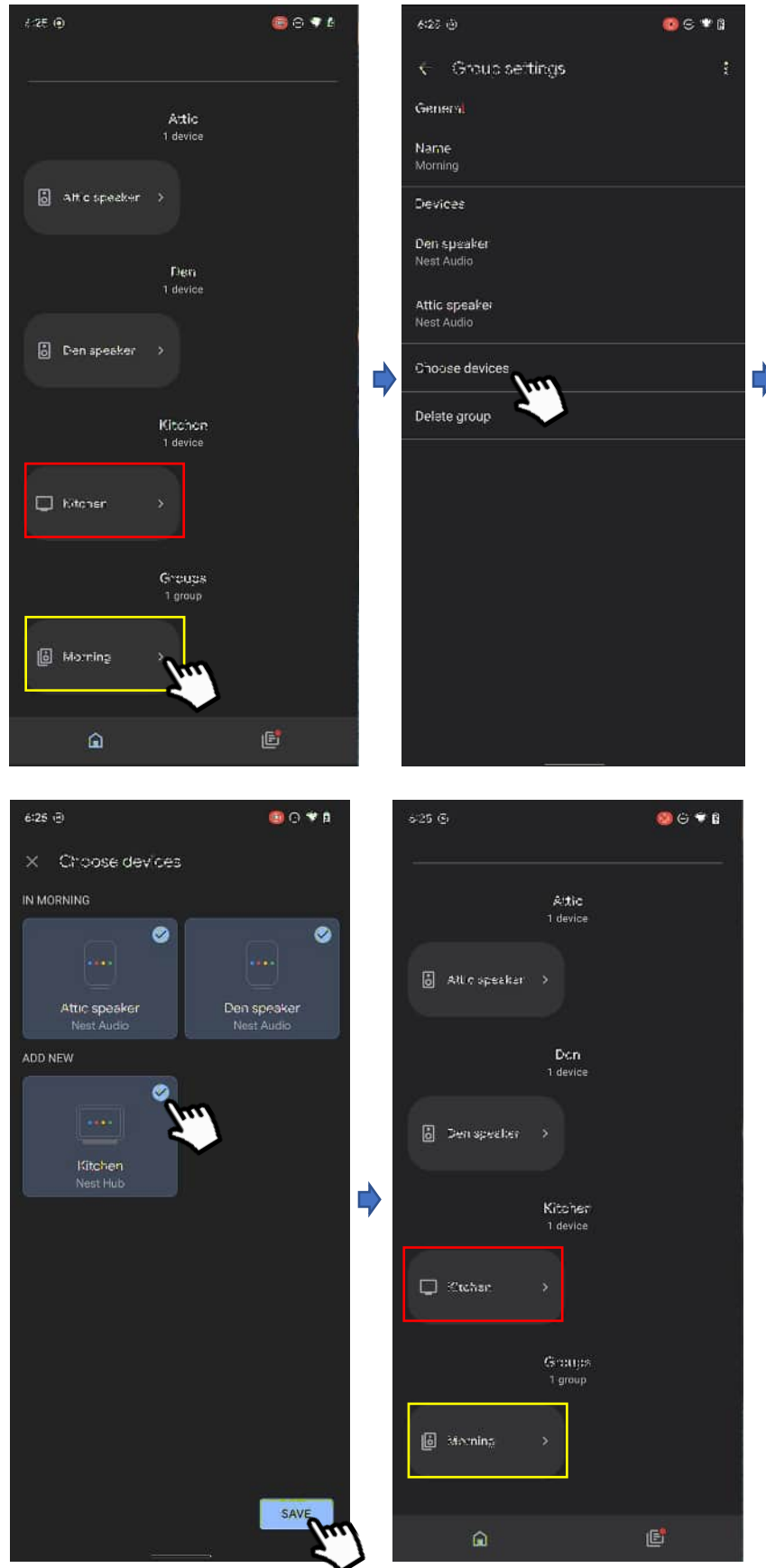
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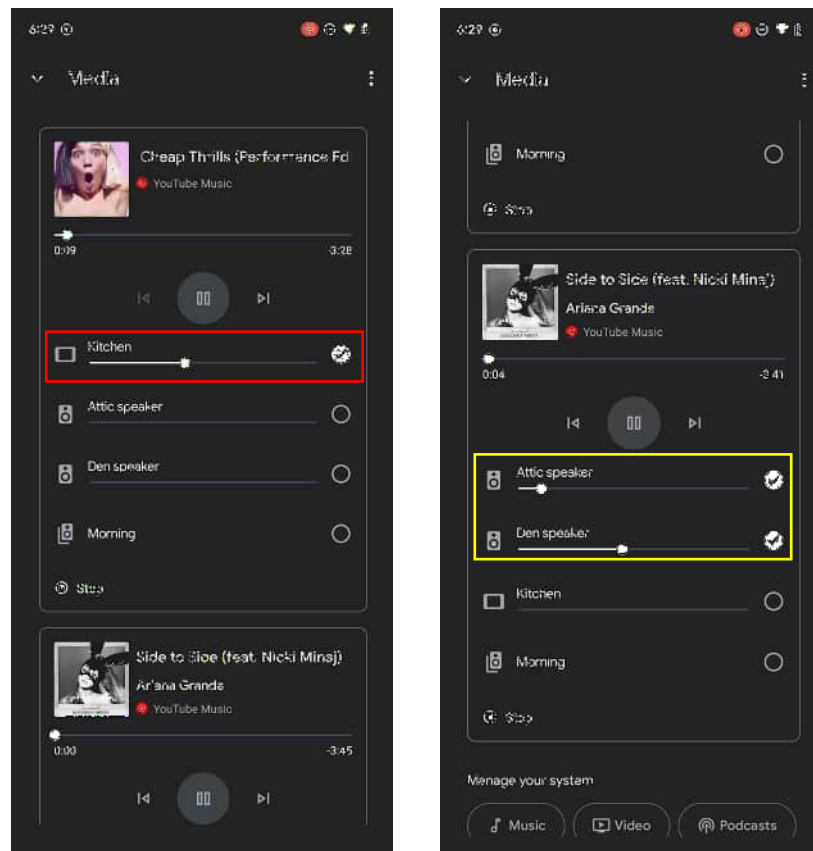
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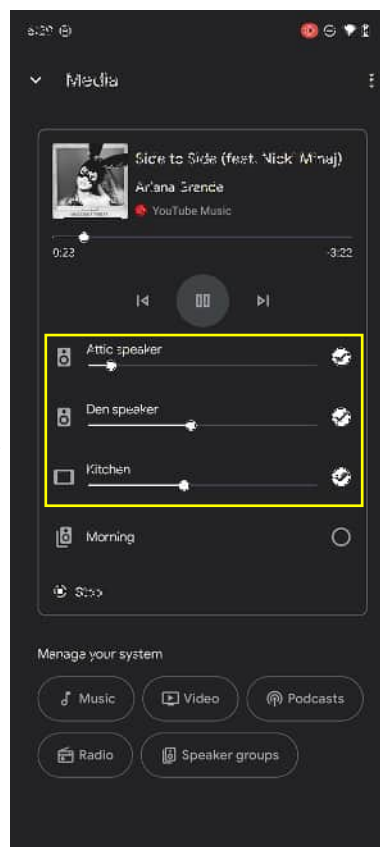
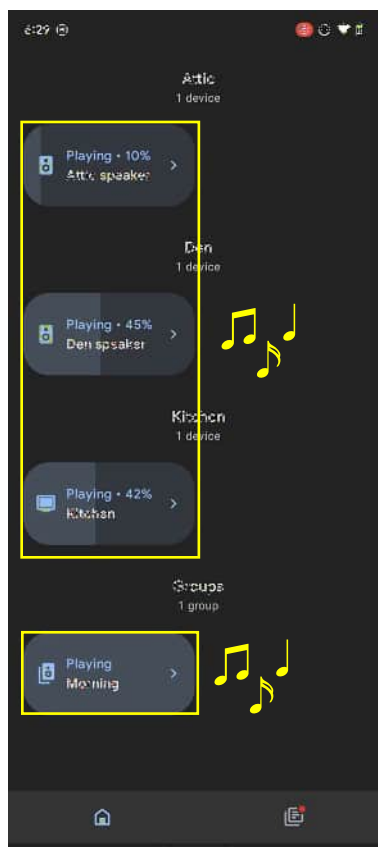
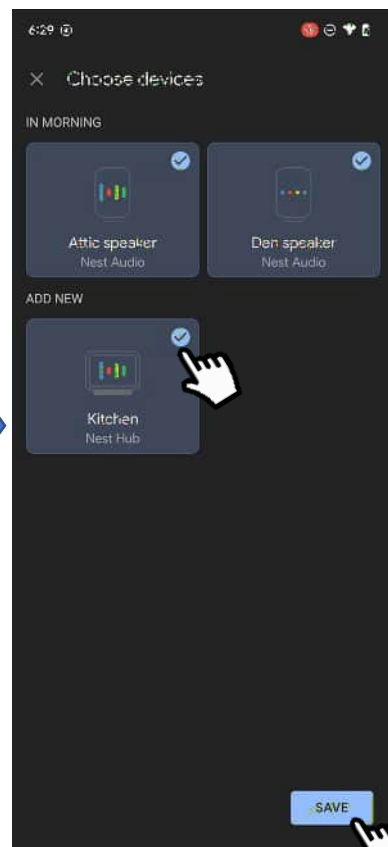
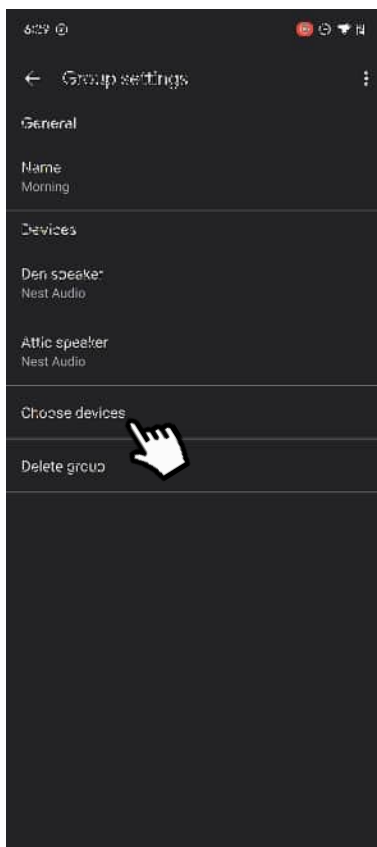
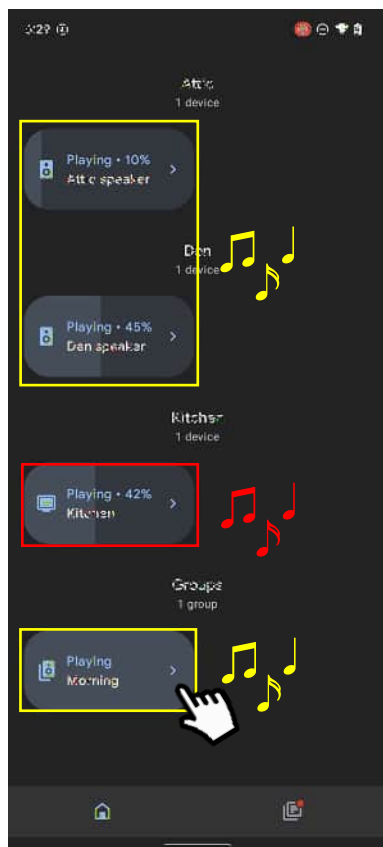
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### **Modifying a Pre-Existing Speaker Group**

*Scenario #3:* A target Accused Google Player (“Kitchen”) that is operating in standalone mode and is individually engaging in active playback (playing “Cheap Thrills”) is added to a pre-existing speaker group (“Morning”) of Accused Google Players (“Attic speaker” and “Den speaker”) at a time when (i) the pre-existing speaker group is launched such that each Accused Google Player in the pre-existing speaker group is operating in a grouped mode in which the Accused Google Player is configured to play back audio as part of the pre-existing speaker group and (ii) the Accused Google Players in the pre-existing speaker group are synchronously engaging in active playback with one another (playing “Side to Side”).

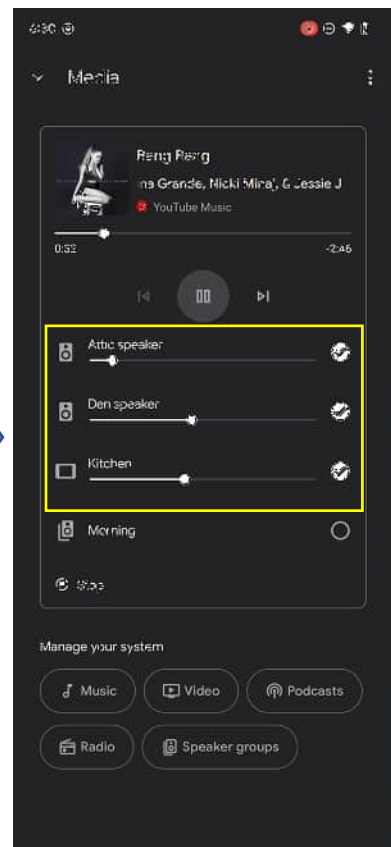
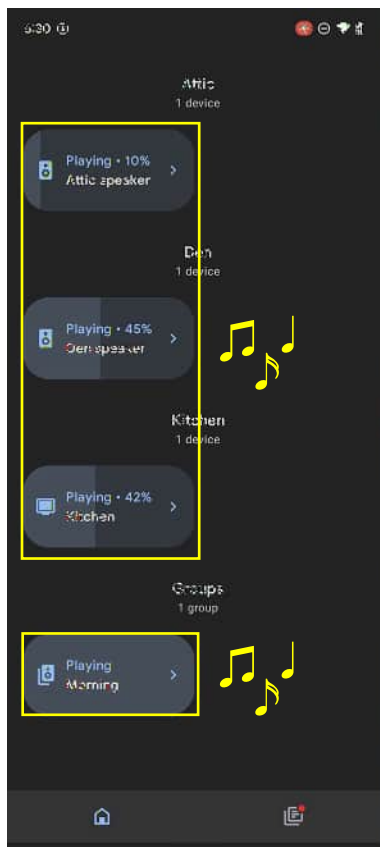
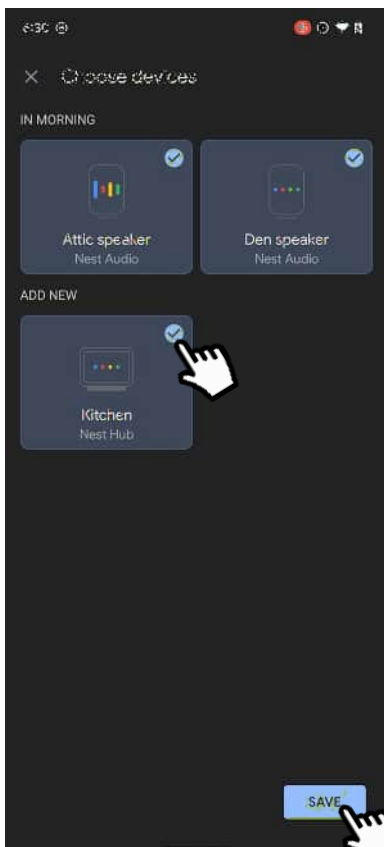
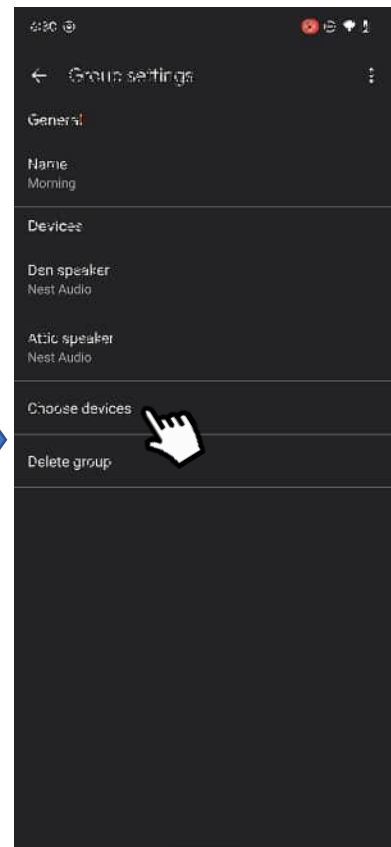
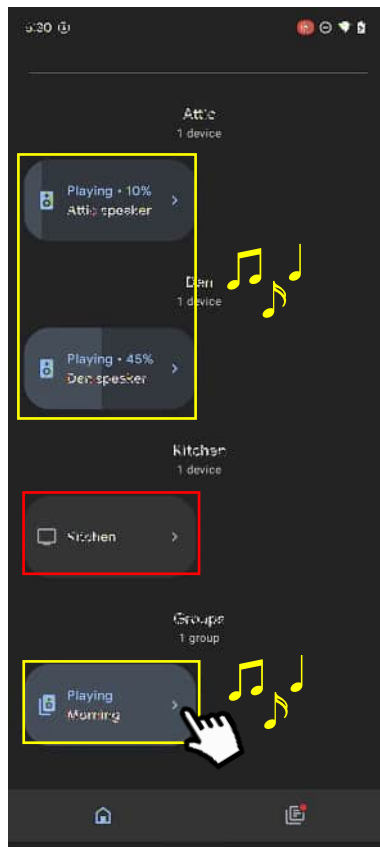
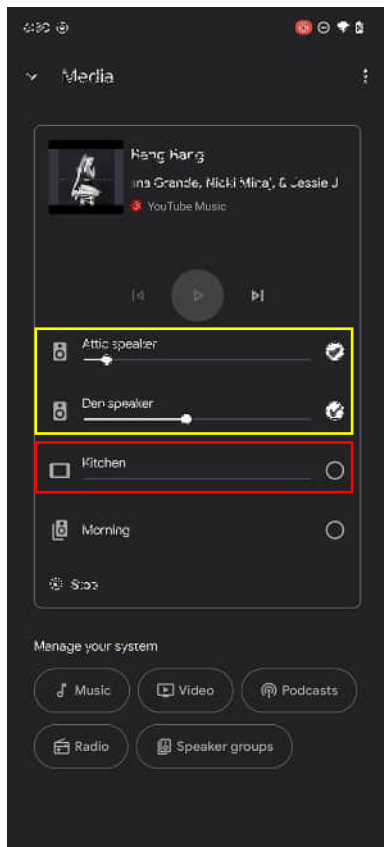




### **Modifying a Pre-Existing Speaker Group**

*Scenario #4:* A target Accused Google Player (“Kitchen”) that is operating in standalone mode and is not engaging in active playback is added to a pre-existing speaker group (“Morning”) of Accused Google Players (“Attic speaker” and “Den speaker”) at a time when (i) the pre-existing speaker group is launched such that each Accused Google Player in the pre-existing speaker group is operating in a grouped mode in which the Accused Google Player is configured to play back audio as part of the pre-existing speaker group and (ii) the Accused Google Players in the pre-existing speaker group are synchronously engaging in active playback with one another (playing “Bang Bang”).





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January 13, 2023

# Qualifications

## Academic Appointments



**Professor, Dept. of Computer Science**  
UC Santa Barbara (1997-2020)

**Vice Chair, Dept. of Computer Science**  
UC Santa Barbara (2001-2005)

**Associate Dean, College of Engineering**  
UC Santa Barbara (2007-2009)

## Education



**Georgia Institute of Technology**

Ph.D. Computer Science 1997

M.S. Computer Science 1994

B.S. Computer Science 1992

## Research Experience



25+ years of experience as a computer networking researcher



Approximately 200 peer-reviewed publications



19 released software systems

# Qualifications

## Relevant Experience



### Research themes include:

- Streaming media in the Internet
- Delivery of multimedia content between computing devices
- Wireless networking



### Active in Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) for 20+ years:

- Developed standards to support multimedia data delivery
- Developed standards to support network monitoring & management

## Industry Collaborations

HITACHI

OCCAM  
NETWORKS

IBM



JUNIPER  
NETWORKS

U.S. AIR FORCE

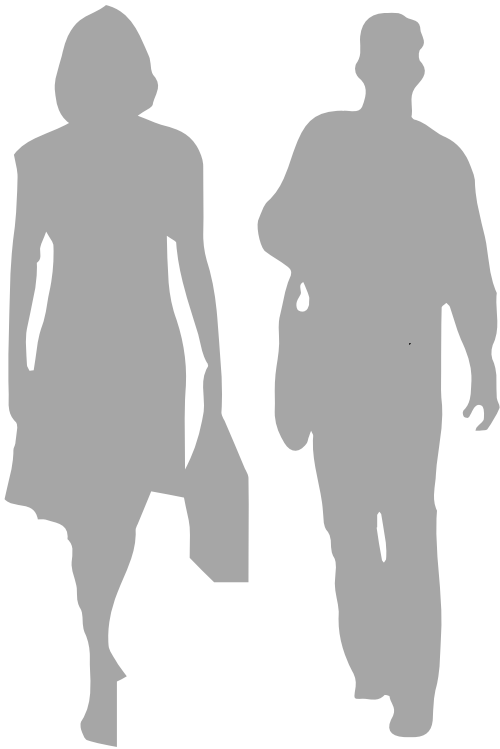


## Awards & Honors



- Numerous teaching awards
- Numerous honors and awards for original research
- Recognized as IEEE Fellow

## Person of Ordinary Skill in the Art



- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, or the equivalent



- 2-4 years of work experience in the fields of networking and network-based systems or applications, such as consumer audio systems, or an equivalent level of skill, knowledge, and experience


## Parties' Proposed Claim Constructions for '966 Patent

Claim Term	Sonos	Google
<b>“zone player”</b>	Same as “playback device” “a data network device configured to process and output audio”	Same as “playback device” Plain and ordinary meaning, no construction necessary
<b>“data network”</b>	Plain and ordinary meaning, which is “a medium that interconnects devices, enabling them to send digital data packets to and receive digital data packets from each other”	Plain and ordinary meaning, no construction necessary
<b>“zone scene”</b>	“a previously-saved grouping of zone players that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the zone scene is invoked”	“a previously saved grouping of zone players according to a common theme”

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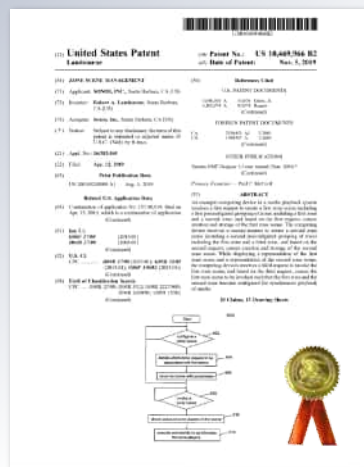
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# Assignment – Validity of '966 Patent

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(54) <b>ZONE SCENE MANAGEMENT</b>	(56) <b>References Cited</b>
(71) Applicant: <b>SONOS, INC.</b> , Santa Barbara, CA (US)	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS
(72) Inventor: <b>Robert A. Lambourne</b> , Santa Barbara, CA (US)	3,956,591 A 5/1976 Gates, Jr. 4,105,974 A 8/1978 Rogers (Continued)
(73) Assignee: <b>Sonos, Inc.</b> , Santa Barbara, CA (US)	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS
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<b>Related U.S. Application Data</b>	(57) <b>ABSTRACT</b>
(63) Continuation of application No. 15/130,919, filed on Apr. 15, 2016, which is a continuation of application (Continued)	An example computing device in a media playback system receives a first request to create a first zone scene including a first preconfigured grouping of zones including a first zone and a second zone, and based on the first request, causes creation and storage of the first zone scene. The computing device receives a second request to create a second zone scene including a second preconfigured grouping of zones including the first zone and a third zone, and based on the second request, causes creation and storage of the second zone scene. While displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene, the computing devices receives a third request to invoke the first zone scene, and based on the third request, causes the first zone scene to be invoked such that the first zone and the second zone become configured for synchronous playback of media.
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# Claim 1 of the '966 Patent



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1. A computing device comprising: one or more processors;

a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:

receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;

based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;

receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;

based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene; displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and

based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

# “Zone Scene” Grouping

[1.0] A computing device comprising:

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[1.4] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:

[1.5] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;

[1.6] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;

[1.7] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;

[1.8] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;

[1.9] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and

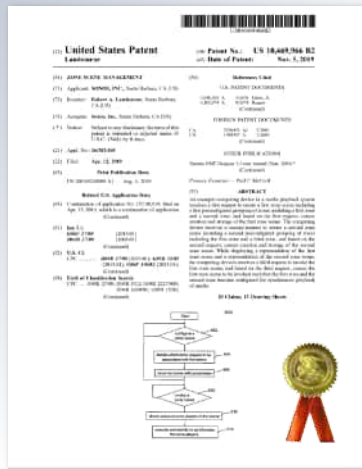
[1.10] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and

[1.11] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

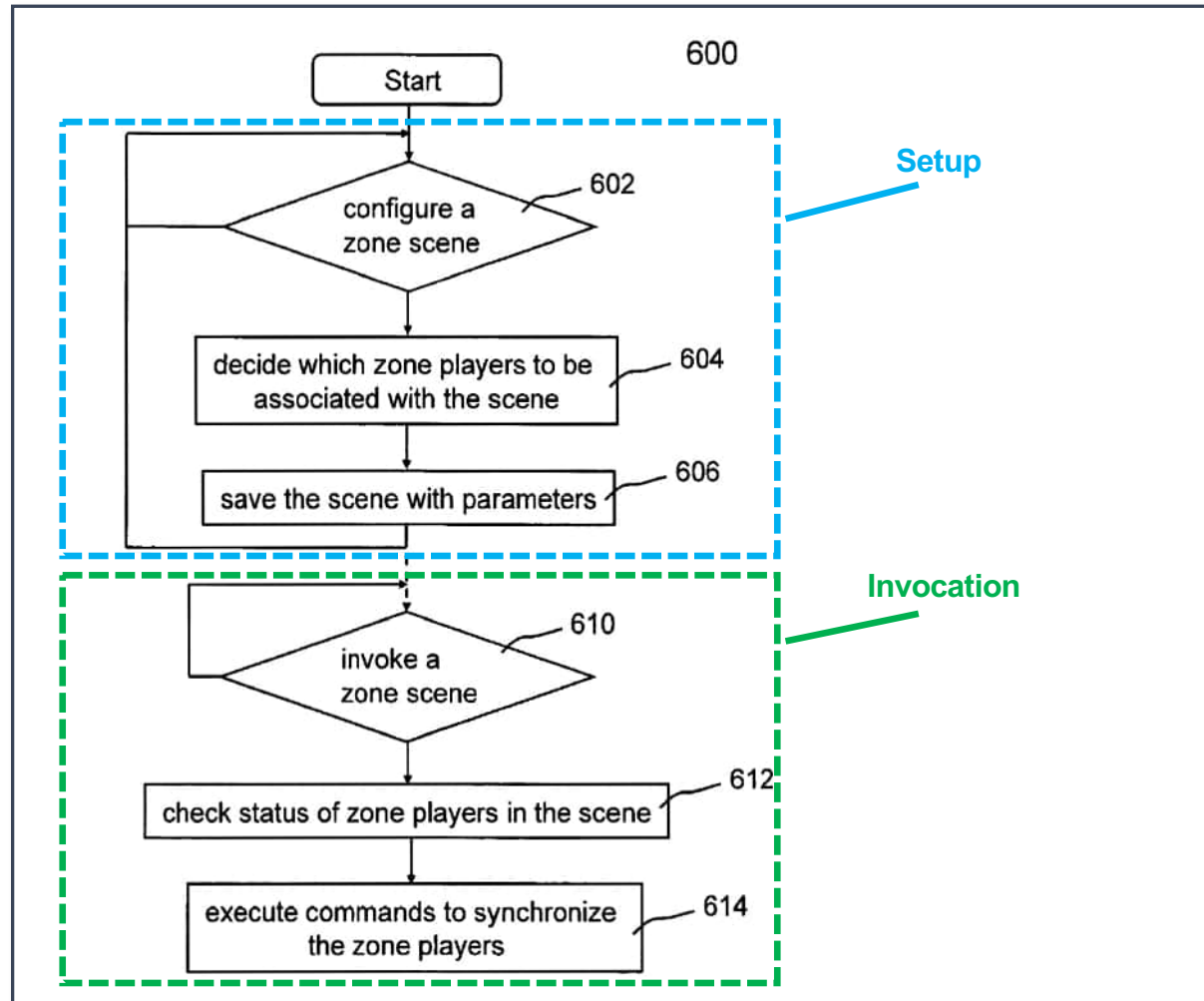
Setup

Invocation




# “Zone Scene” Grouping




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## Assignment – Validity of '966 Patent

Asserted Claims	Prior art products	Invalid?
Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, and 16 of US 10,469,966 ('966 Patent)	  	?  ?  ?

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## 2005 Sonos System



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# Squeezebox



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## 2005 Sonos System



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# The “Bose Lifestyle” System

Bose Lifestyle 50



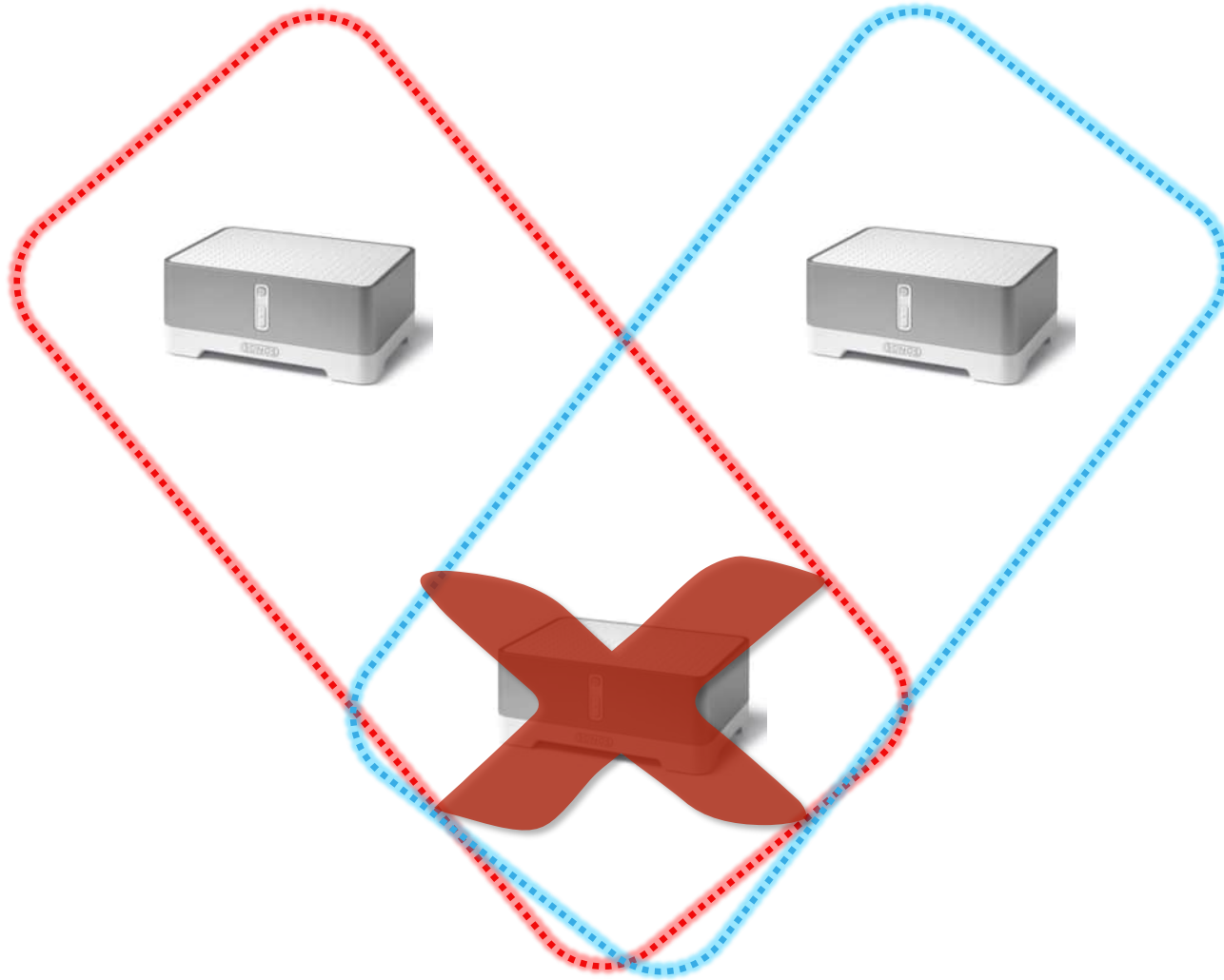
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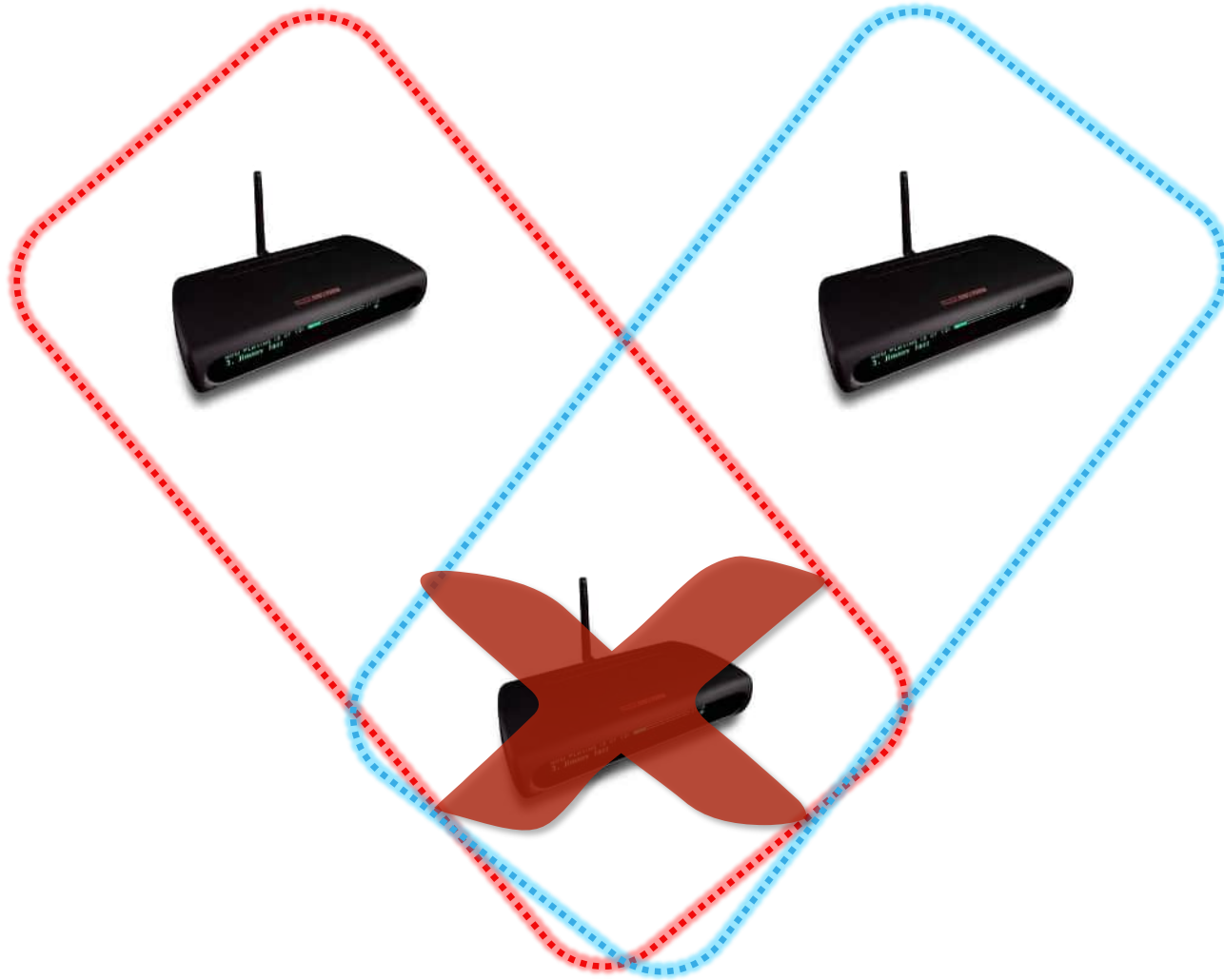
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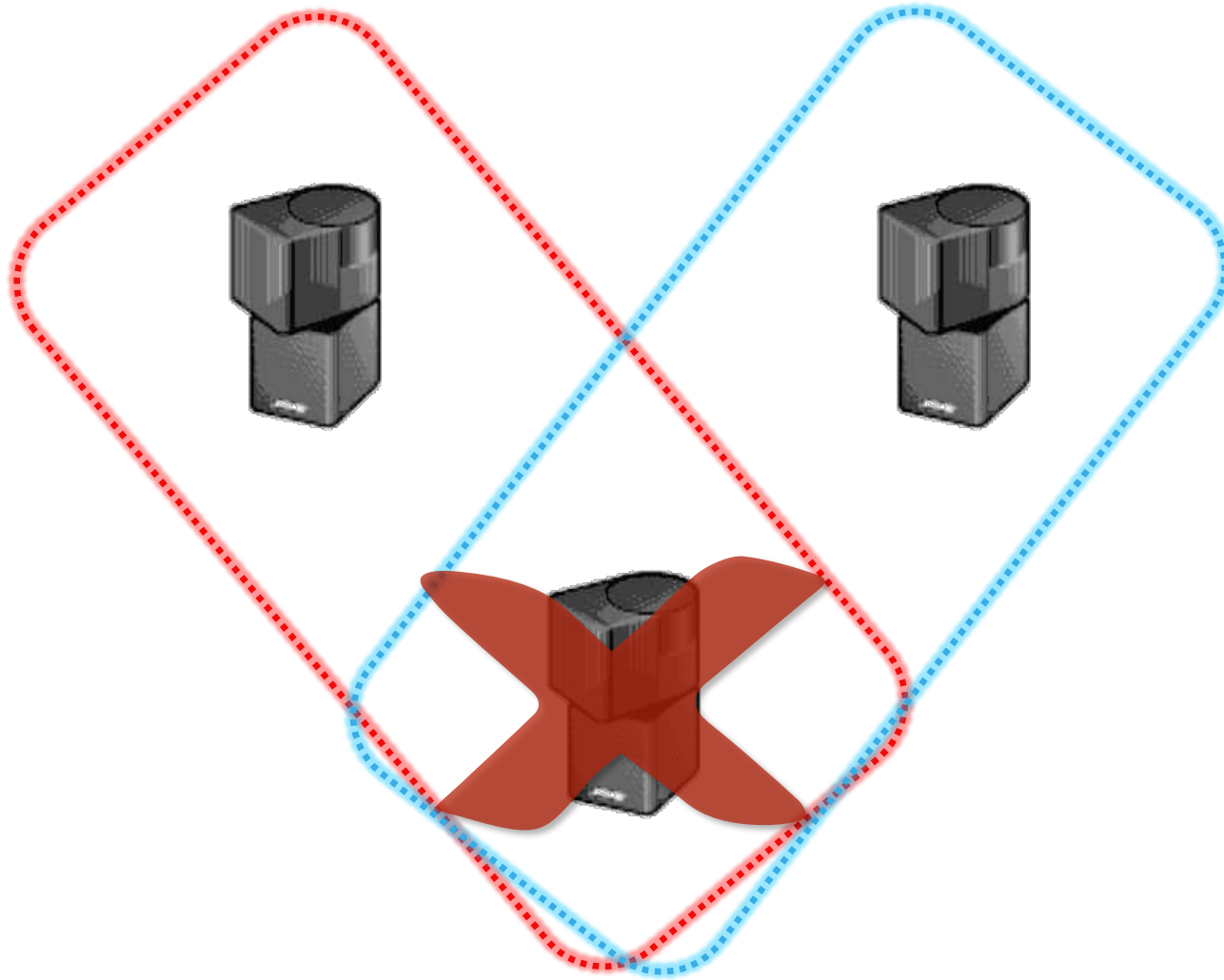
## 2005 Sonos System - No Overlapping Zone Scenes



## Squeezebox - No Overlapping Zone Scenes

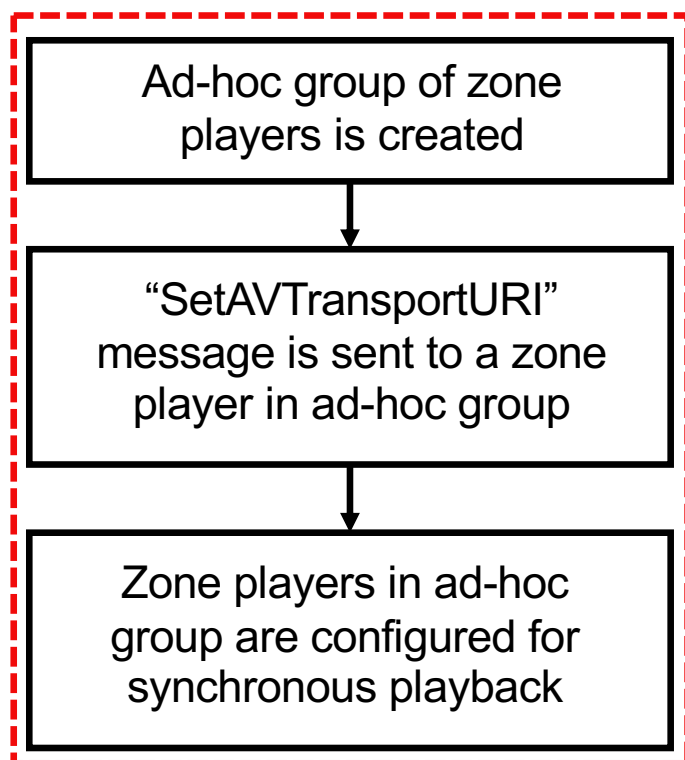


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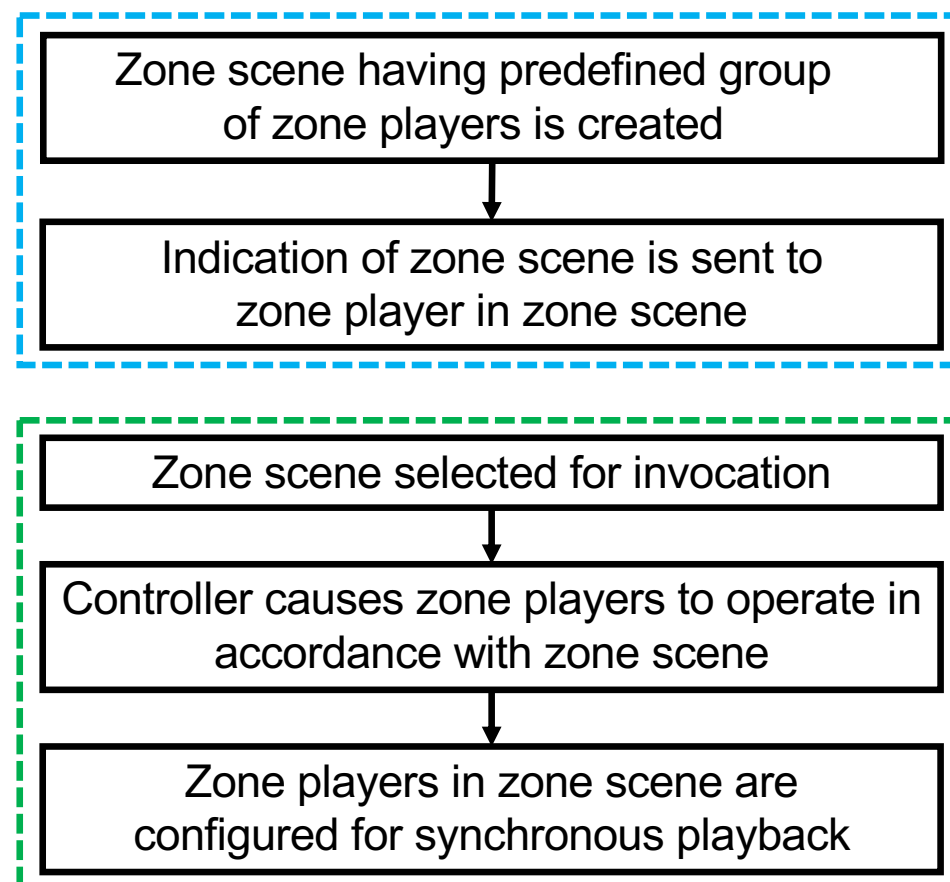


# Sonos's 2005 Ad-Hoc Grouping ≠ Sonos's Zone Scene Grouping

## Ad-Hoc Grouping



## Zone Scene Grouping



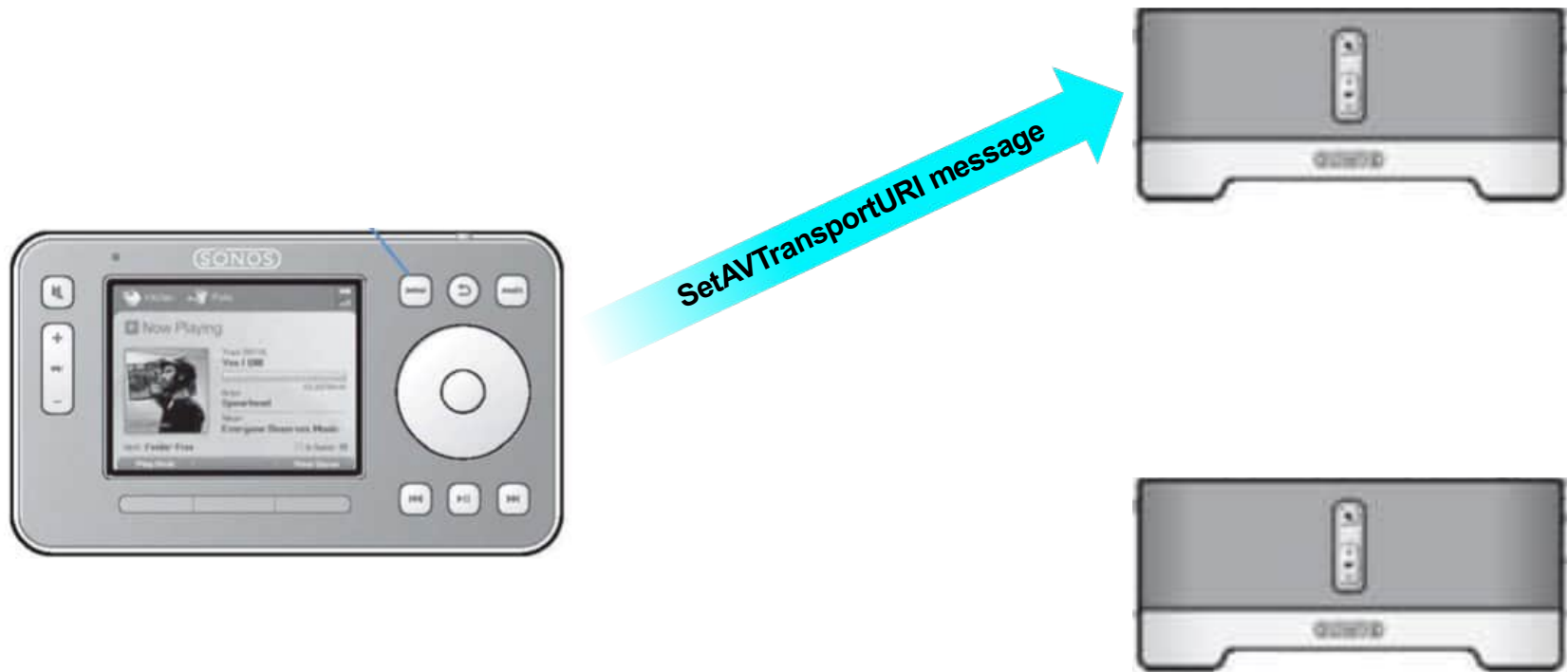
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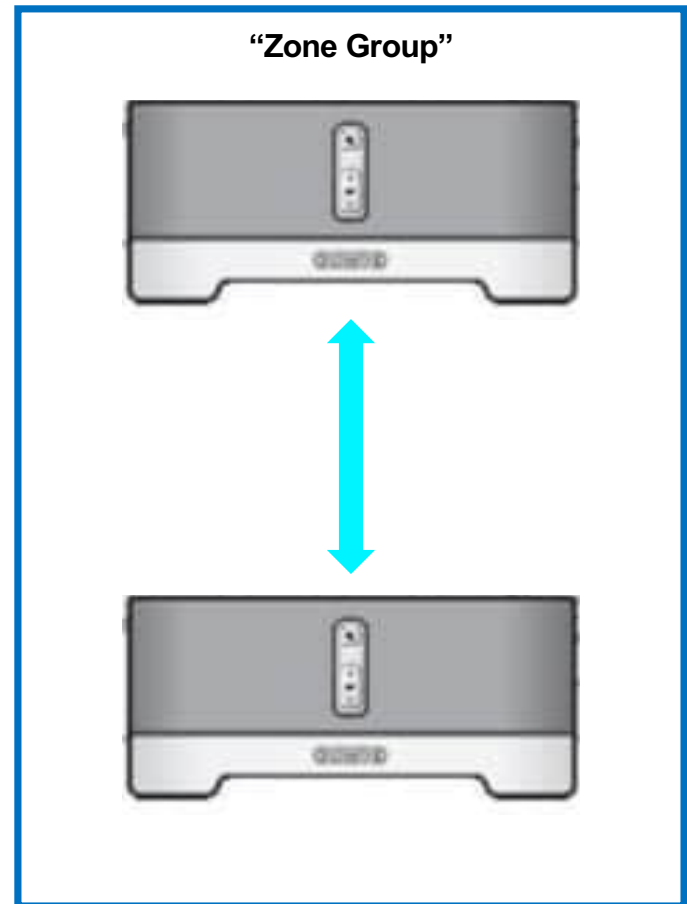


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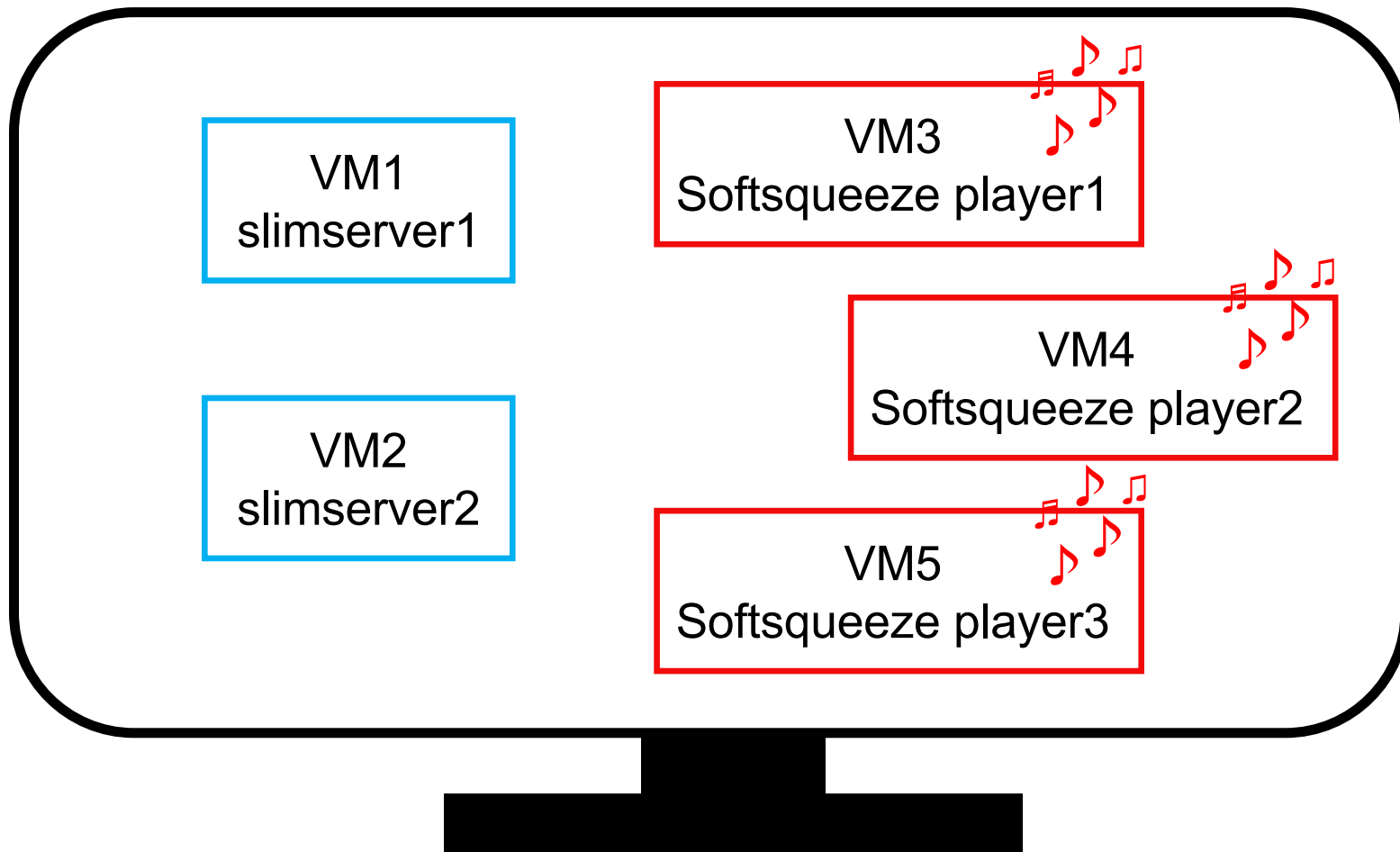




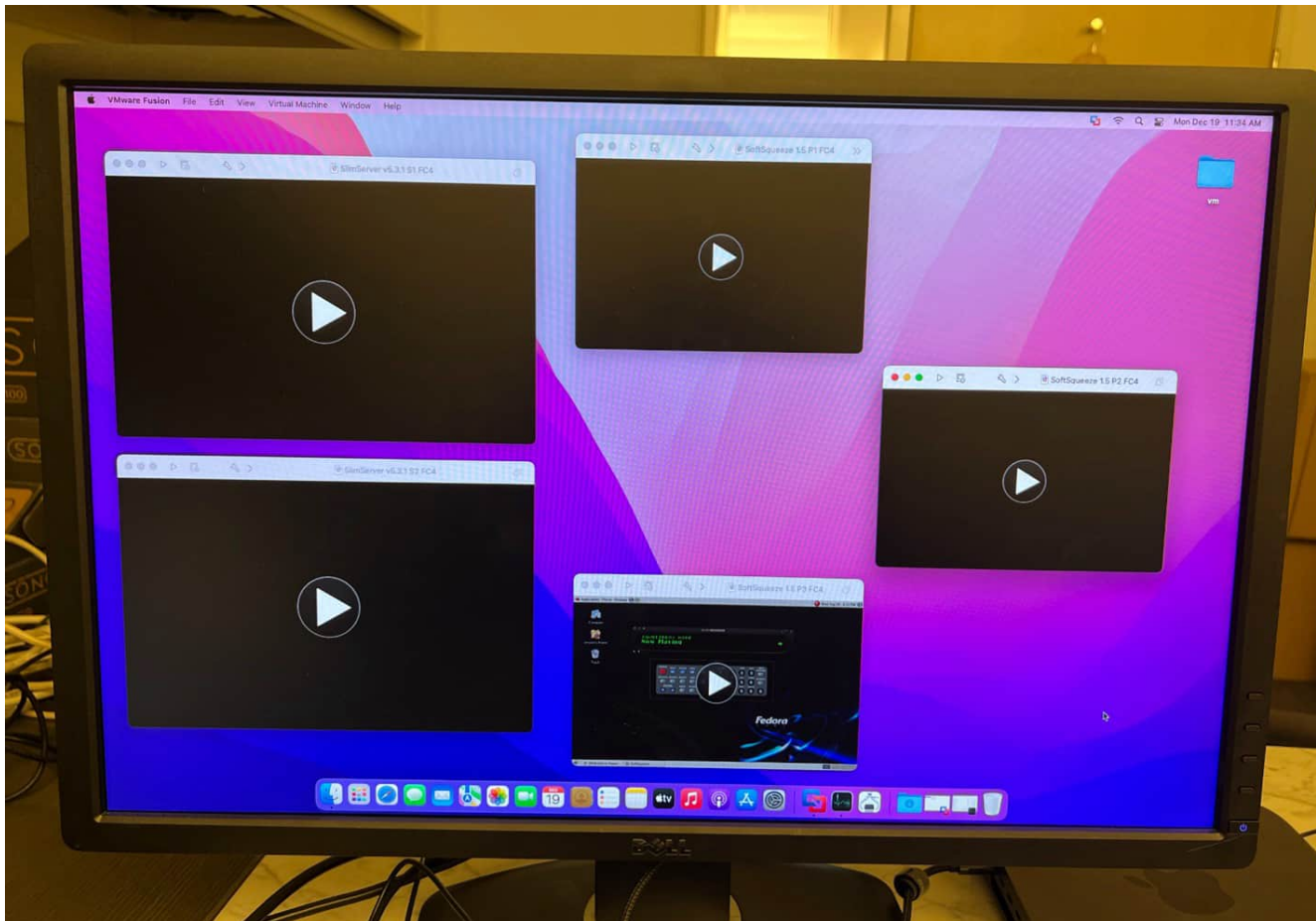
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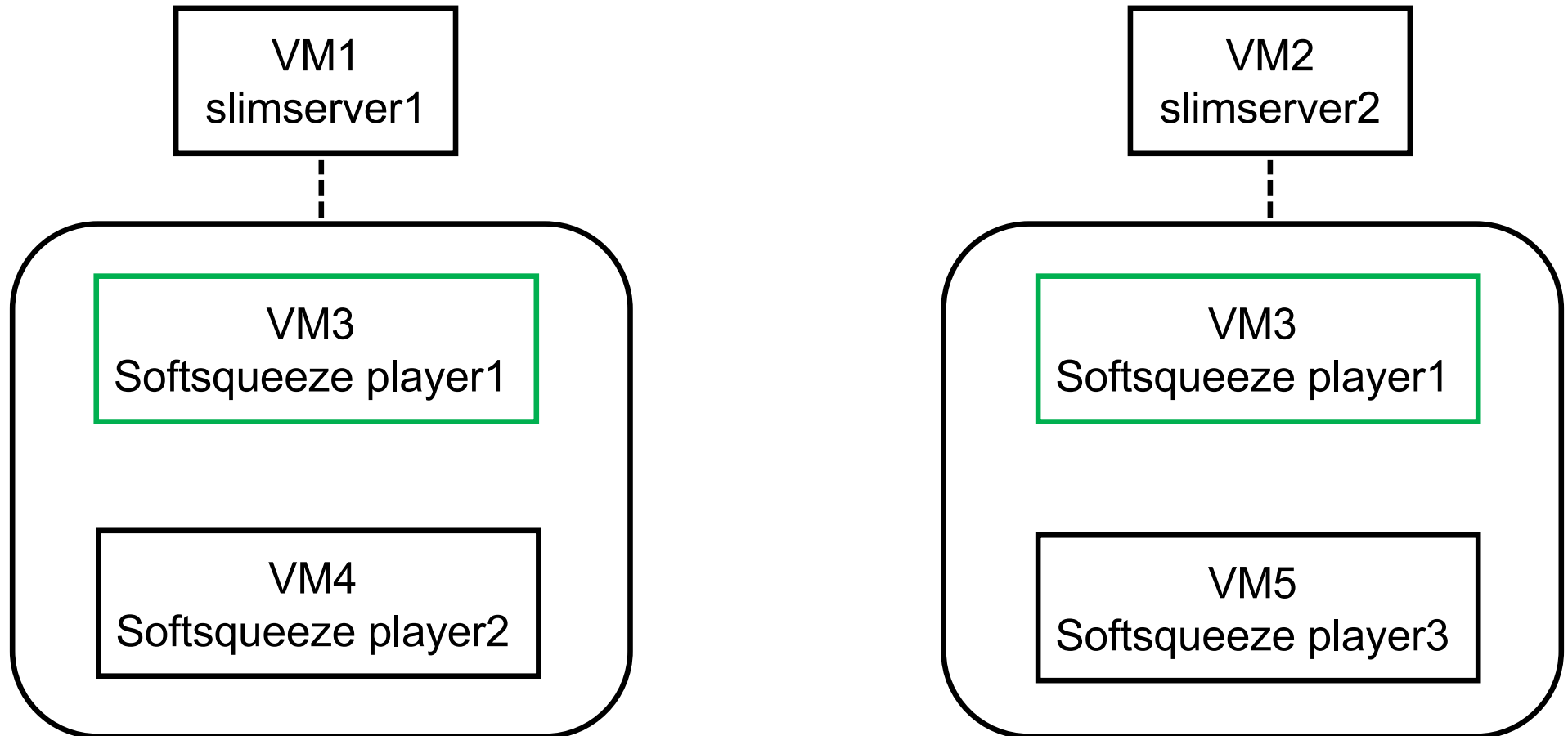
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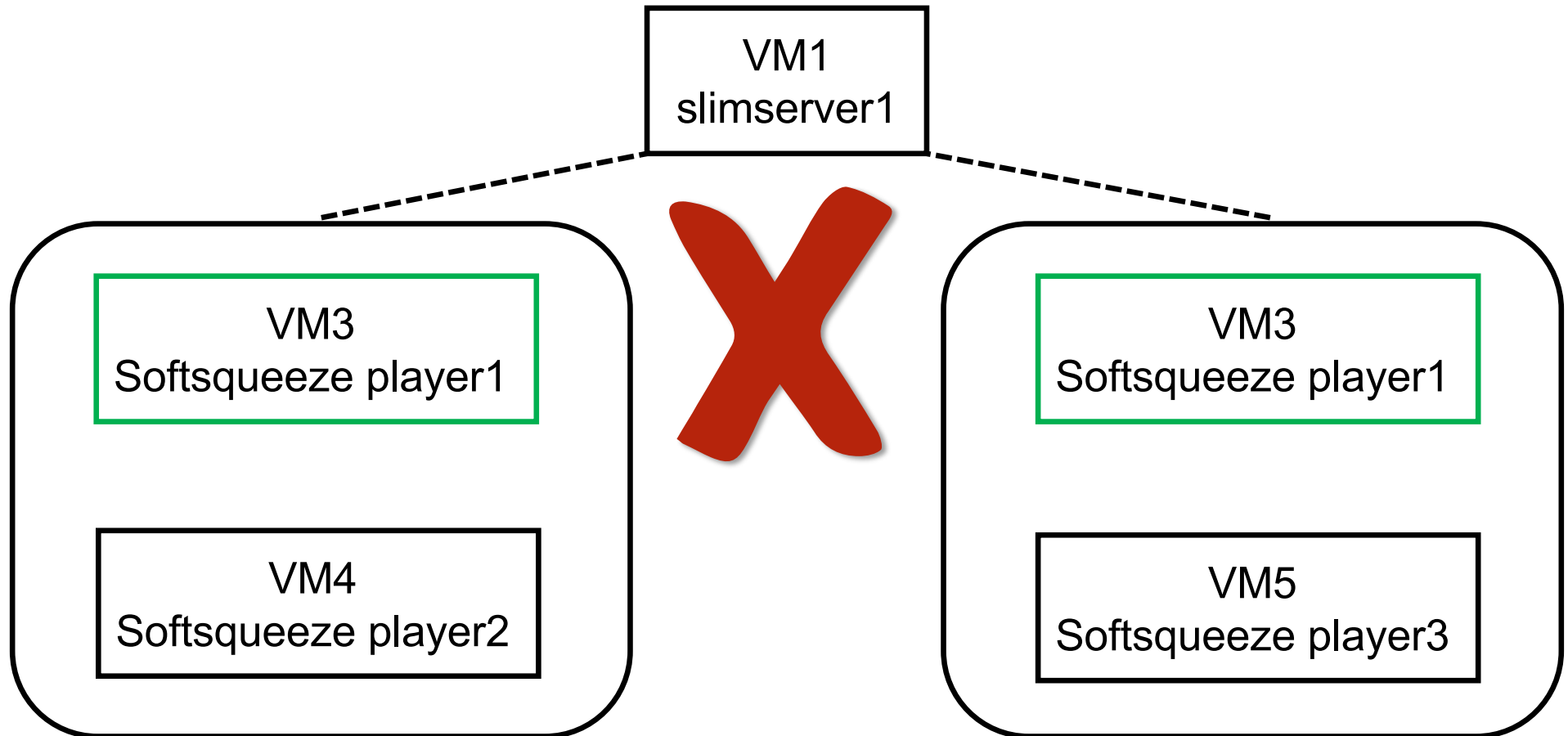
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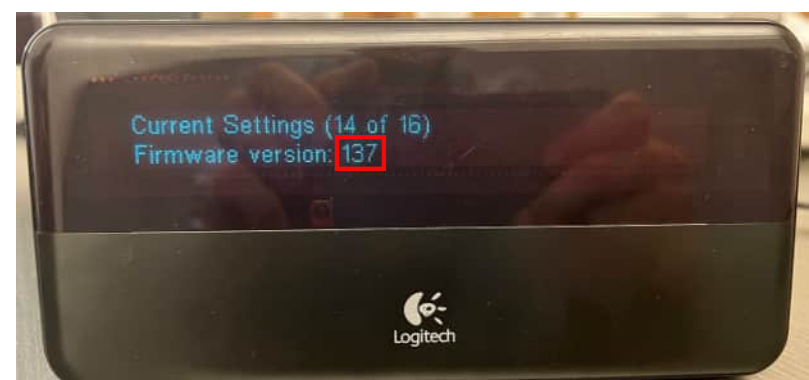
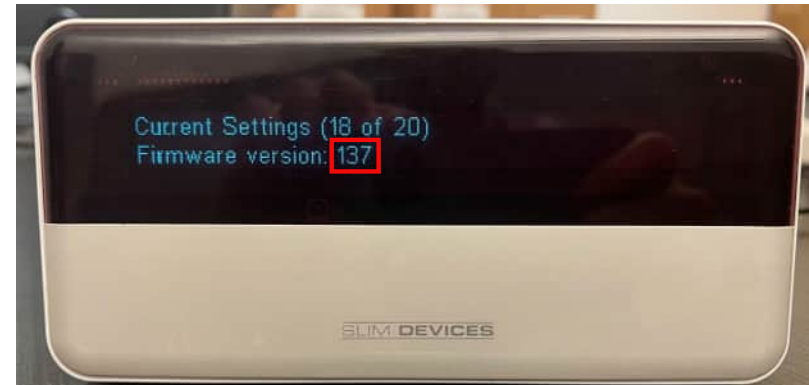
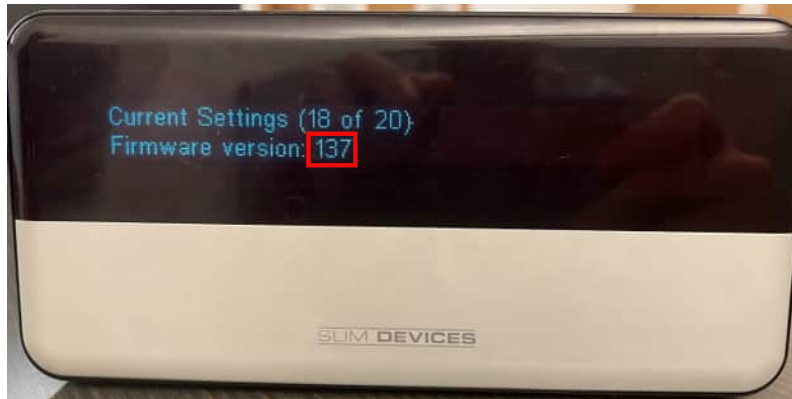
## Squeezebox - Dr. Schonfeld's Alleged Overlapping "Sync Groups"



## Squeezebox – Can't Have Overlapping “Sync Groups”

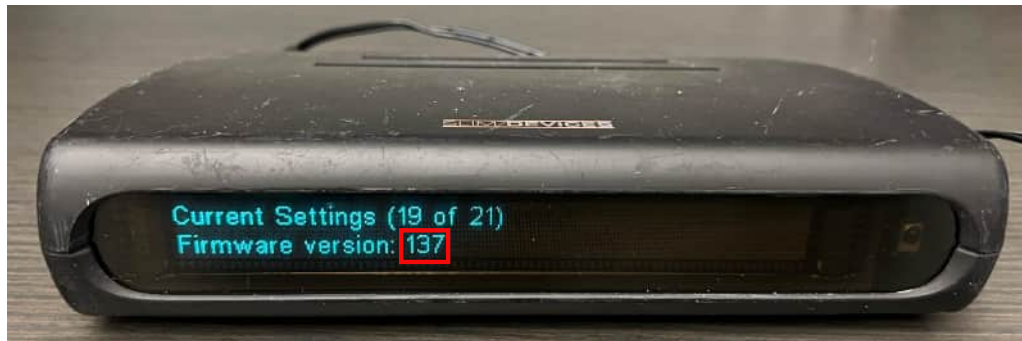


## Dr. Schonfeld's Squeezebox V3 Players are Not Prior Art

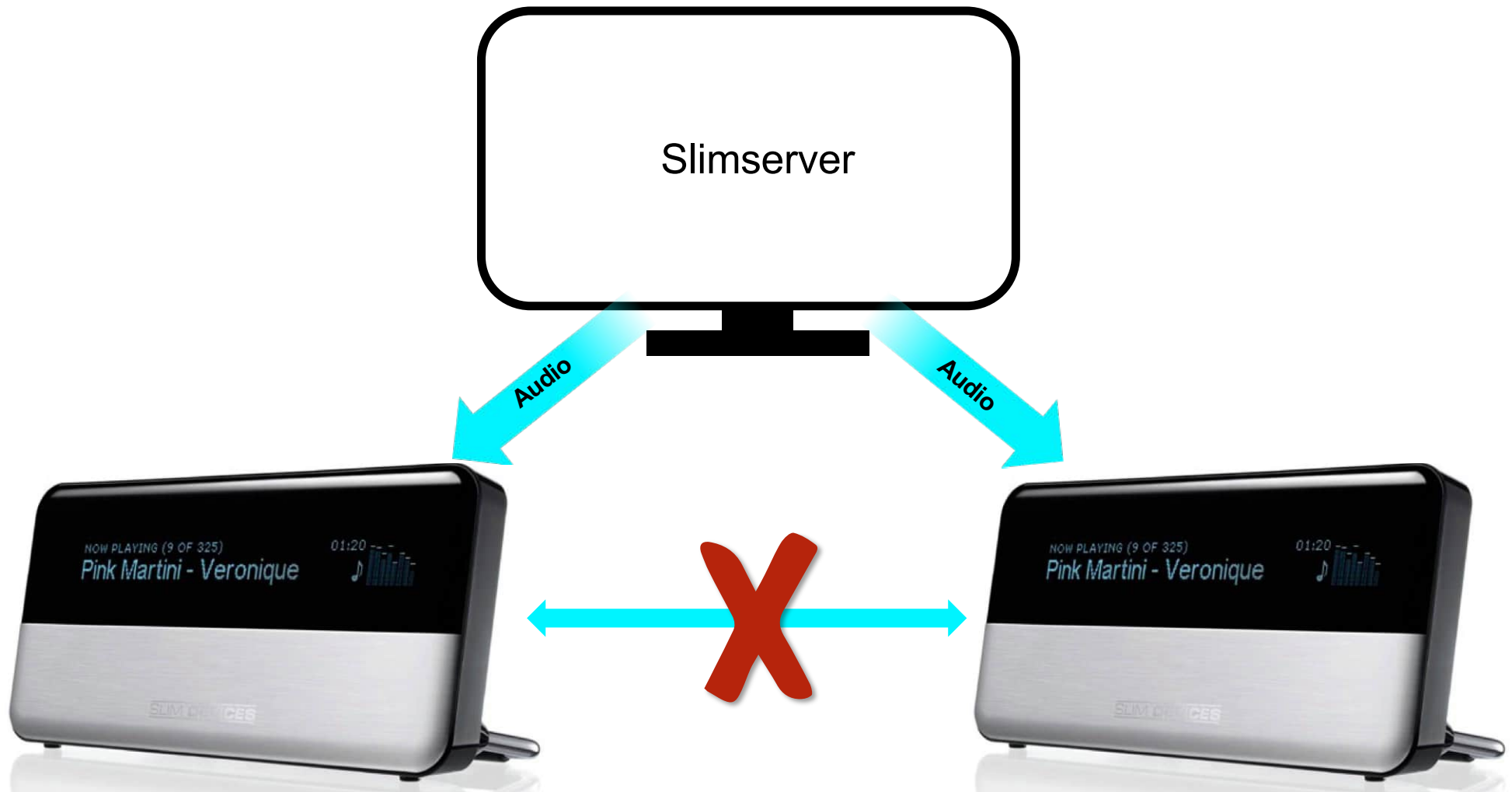


## Dr. Schonfeld's Squeezebox V2 Player is Not Prior Art

### Squeezebox



# Squeezebox Players Do Not “Coordinate” for Synchronous Playback

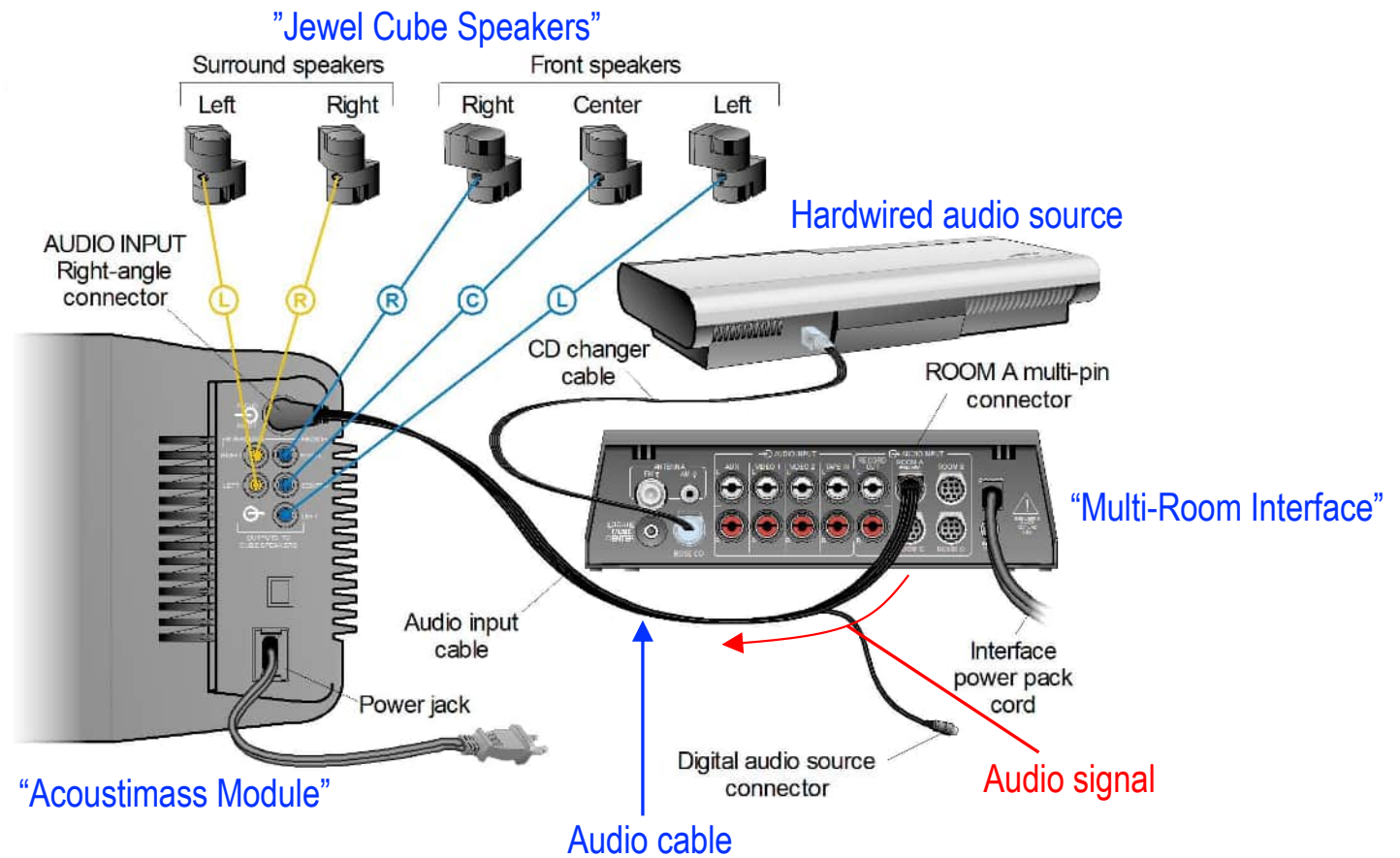




# Bose Lifestyle 50 System



"Personal Music Center"

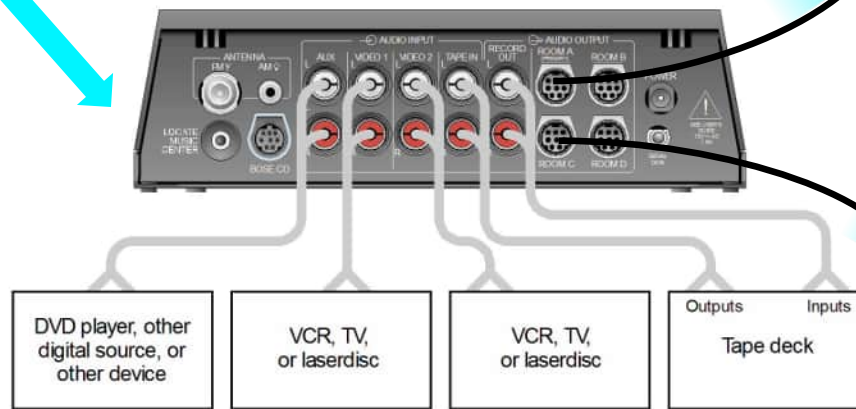


# Bose Lifestyle Players Do Not “Coordinate” for Synchronous Playback

Personal Music Center



Multi-Room Interface



Audio Cable  
Audio

Acoustimass



Audio Cable  
Audio

Acoustimass



# Personal Music Center Does Not Communicate with “Players”

Personal Music Center



Multi-Room Interface



DVD player, other  
digital source, or  
other device

VCR, TV,  
or laserdisc

VCR, TV,  
or laserdisc

Outputs  
Inputs  
Tape deck

Acoustimass

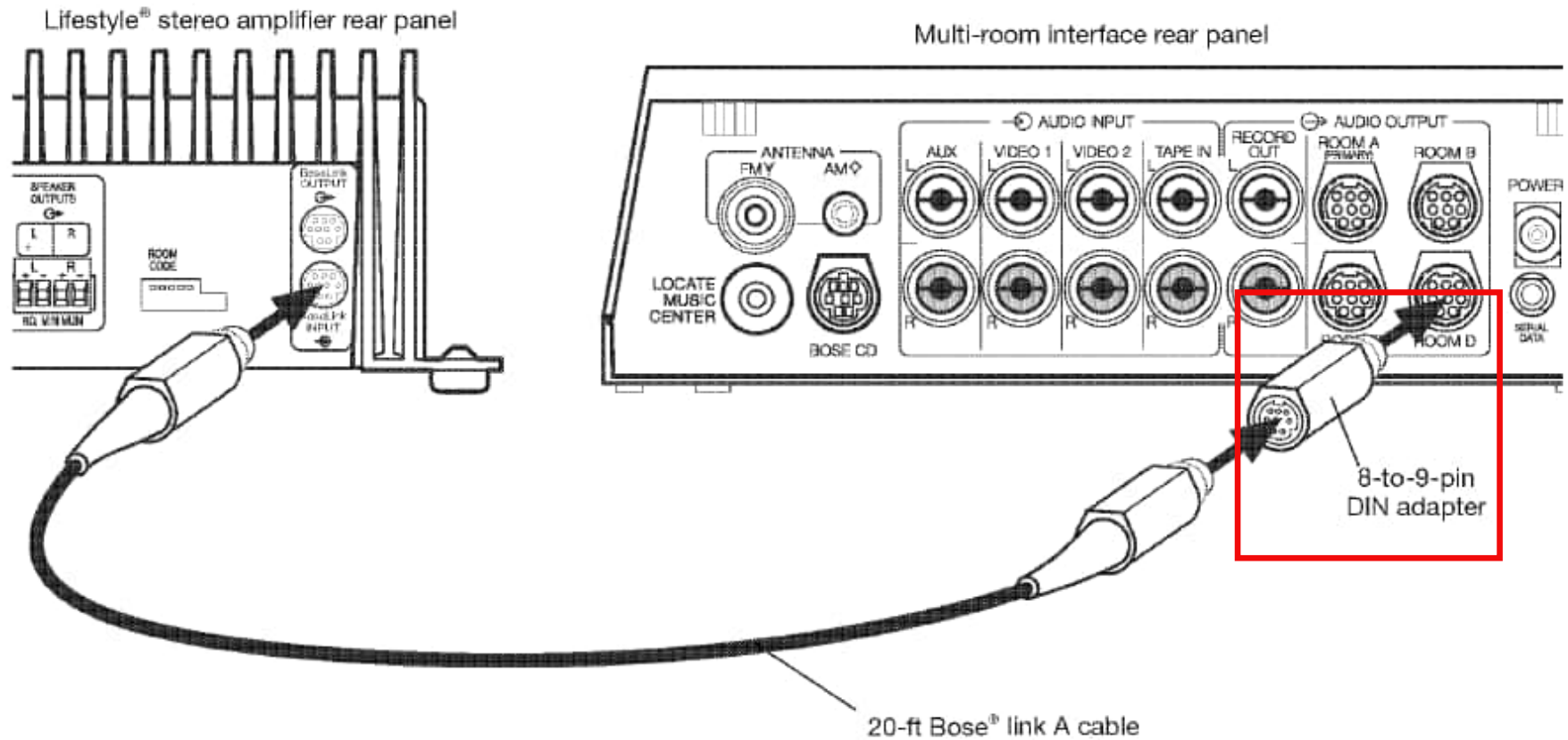


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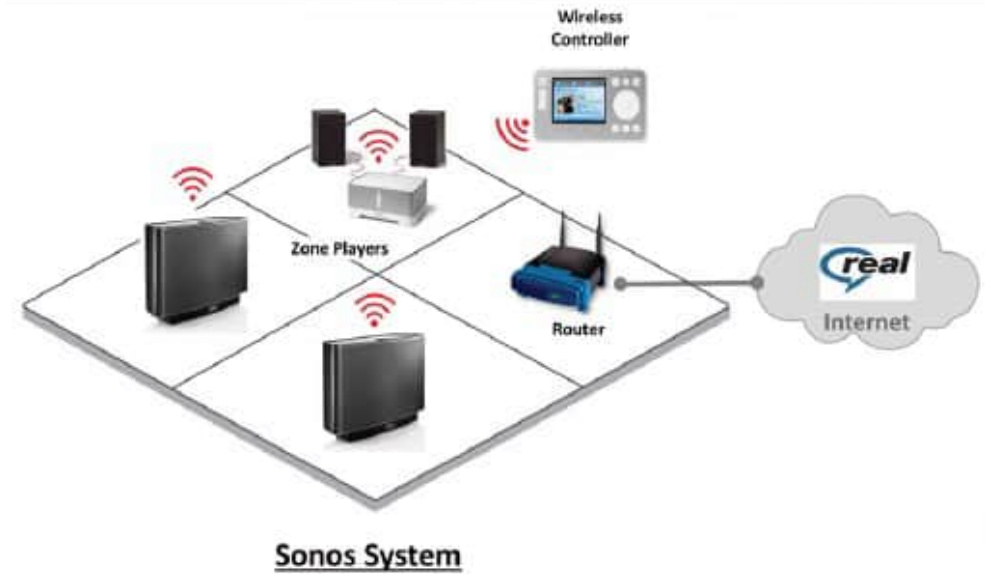
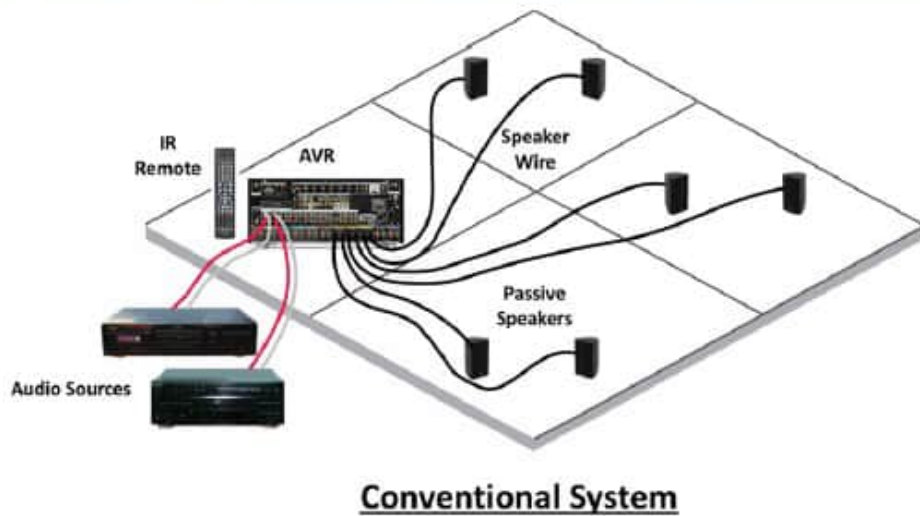


Audio Cable

## Bose Lifestyle 50 System Did Not Have Bose Link Capability



## Conventional System vs. Sonos System



## Validity of Claim 1 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



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- [1.1] one or more processors;
- [1.2] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and;
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- [1.4] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
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  - [1.6] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
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## Validity of Claim 1 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox









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	[1.4] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
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## Validity of Claim 1 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

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## Validity of Claim 1 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle








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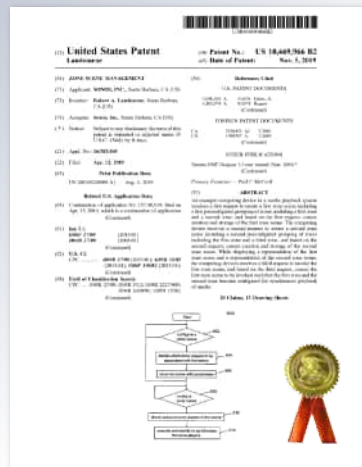
## Validity of Claim 1 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

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	[1.1] one or more processors;
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# Claim 2 of the '966 Patent



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2. The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

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**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



[2.0] The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



[2.1] while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

[2.2] based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



[2.0] The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



[2.1] while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



[2.2] based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox

**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox






[2.0] The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



[2.1] while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

[2.2] based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox

-  [2.0] The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:
-  [2.1] while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and
-  [2.2] based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



[2.0] The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



[2.1] while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



[2.2] based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle



**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle



[2.0] The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



[2.1] while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

[2.2] based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle



[2.0] The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:






[2.1] while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

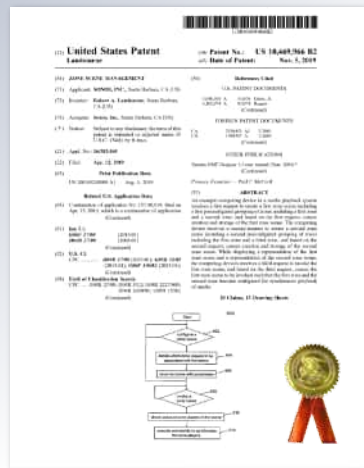


[2.2] based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 2 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

-  [2.0] The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:
-  [2.1] while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and
-  [2.2] based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Claim 3 of the '966 Patent



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3. The computing device of claim 1, wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.

## Validity of Claim 3 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

X

3. The computing device of claim 1,

X

wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.

## Validity of Claim 3 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox

X

3. The computing device of claim 1,

X

wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.

## Validity of Claim 3 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

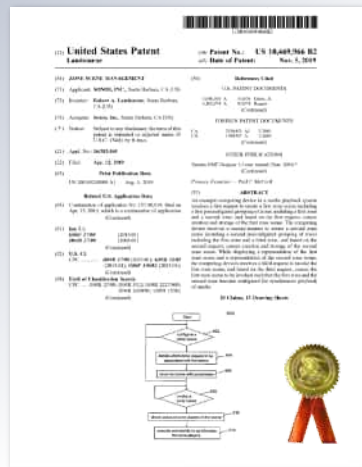
X

3. The computing device of claim 1,

X

wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.

# Claim 4 of the '966 Patent



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4. The computing device of claim 3, wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predefined grouping of zone players.



## Validity of Claim 4 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

**X**

4. The computing device of claim 3,

**X**

wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predetermined grouping of zone players.

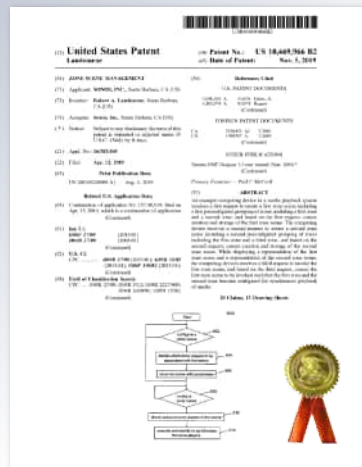
## Validity of Claim 4 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox

-  4. The computing device of claim 3,
-  wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predetermined grouping of zone players.

## Validity of Claim 4 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

-  4. The computing device of claim 3,
-  wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predetermined grouping of zone players.

# Claim 6 of the '966 Patent



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6. The computing device of claim 1, wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

## Validity of Claim 6 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



6. The computing device of claim 1,



wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

## Validity of Claim 6 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



6. The computing device of claim 1,



wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

## Validity of Claim 6 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

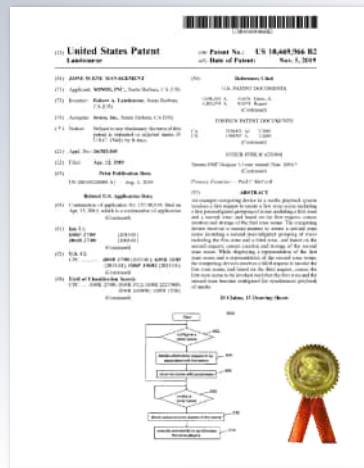


6. The computing device of claim 1,



wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

# Claim 8 of the '966 Patent



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8. The computing device of claim 1, wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.



## Validity of Claim 8 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



8. The computing device of claim 1,



wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.

## Validity of Claim 8 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



8. The computing device of claim 1,



wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.

## Validity of Claim 8 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

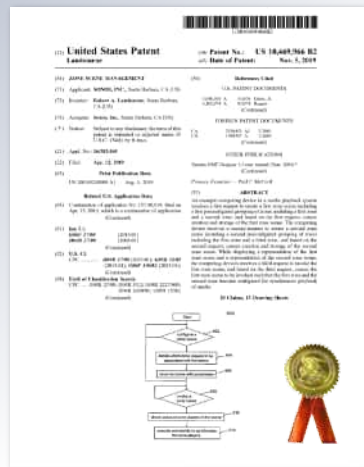


8. The computing device of claim 1,



wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.

# Claim 9 of the '966 Patent



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9. A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising: while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually;

receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;

receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;

based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;

displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

## Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

**[9.0]** A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[9.1]** while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:

**[9.2]** receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;

**[9.3]** based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;

**[9.4]** receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;


**[9.5]** based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;

**[9.6]** displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and



**[9.7]** while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and

**[9.8]** based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.




# Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

	[9.0] A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:
	<b>[9.1]</b> while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
	[9.2] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
	[9.3] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
	[9.4] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
	[9.5] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
	[9.6] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
	[9.7] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
	[9.8] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

## Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System





	[9.0] A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:
	[9.1] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
	[9.2] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; [9.3] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
	[9.4] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
	[9.5] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
	[9.6] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
	[9.7] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
	[9.8] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

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	[9.2] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
	[9.3] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
	[9.4] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
	[9.5] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
	[9.6] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
	[9.7] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
	[9.8] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.









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	[9.4] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
	[9.5] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
	[9.6] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
	[9.7] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
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	[9.2] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
	[9.3] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
	[9.4] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
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	<b>[9.5]</b> based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
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## Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

**[9.0]** A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:

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**[9.2]** receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;

**[9.3]** based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;

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**[9.5]** based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;

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	[9.4] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
	[9.5] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
	[9.6] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
	[9.7] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
	[9.8] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.





# Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

	[9.0] A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:
	[9.1] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
	[9.2] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
	[9.3] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
	[9.4] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
	[9.5] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
	[9.6] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
	[9.7] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
	[9.8] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.






## Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

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	[9.6] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
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	[9.8] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.







# Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

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	[9.3] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
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	[9.6] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
	[9.7] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
	[9.8] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.








## Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

	[9.0] A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:
	[9.1] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
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	[9.8] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

# Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle









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	[9.1] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
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# Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

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	[9.5] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
	[9.6] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
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	[9.8] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.



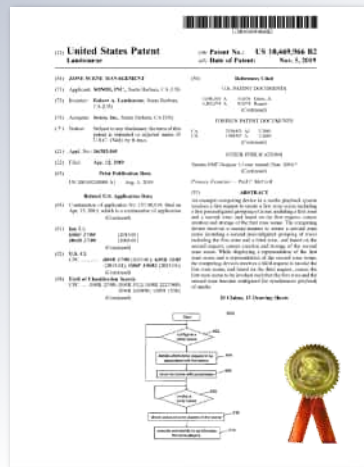
# Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

	[9.0] A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:
	[9.1] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
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	[9.3] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
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## Validity of Claim 9 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

	[9.0] A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:
X	[9.1] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
X	[9.2] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
X	[9.3] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
X	[9.4] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
X	[9.5] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
X	[9.6] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
X	[9.7] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
X	[9.8] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

# Claim 10 of the '966 Patent



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10. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

**X**

**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**X**

**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**X**

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox

**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

## Validity of Claim 10 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

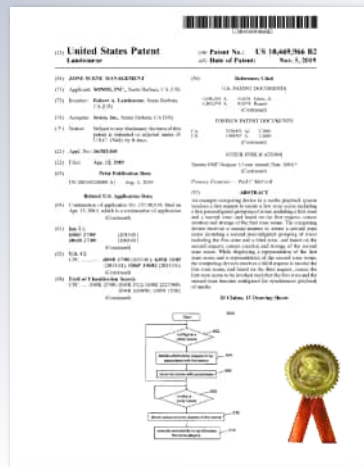


**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

# Claim 11 of the '966 Patent



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11. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.

## Validity of Claim 11 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

**11.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,

wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.

## Validity of Claim 11 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



11. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,



wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.

## Validity of Claim 11 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox

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## Validity of Claim 11 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



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## Validity of Claim 11 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

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## Validity of Claim 11 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

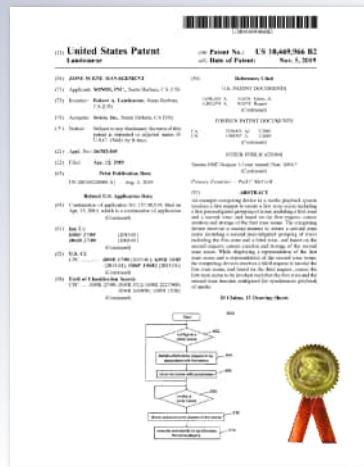


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# Claim 12 of the '966 Patent





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12. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predefined grouping of zone players.

## Validity of Claim 12 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

**12.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 11,  
wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predefined grouping of zone players.

## Validity of Claim 12 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

-  12. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 11,
-  wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predefined grouping of zone players.

## Validity of Claim 12 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox

**12.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 11,  
wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predefined grouping of zone players.

## Validity of Claim 12 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



12. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 11,





wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predefined grouping of zone players.

## Validity of Claim 12 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

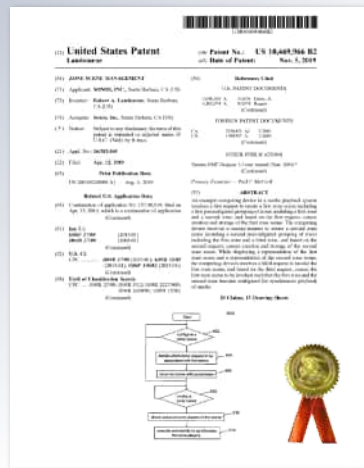
**12.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 11,  
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## Validity of Claim 12 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

-  12. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 11,
-  wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predefined grouping of zone players.



# Claim 14 of the '966 Patent



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14. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

## Validity of Claim 14 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

**14.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,  
wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

## Validity of Claim 14 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



14. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,



wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

## Validity of Claim 14 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox

**14.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,  
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## Validity of Claim 14 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



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## Validity of Claim 14 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

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## Validity of Claim 14 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

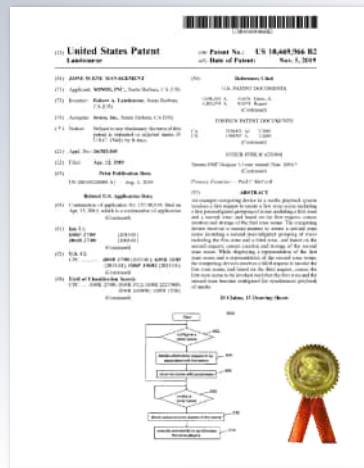


14. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,



wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

# Claim 16 of the '966 Patent



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16. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.



## Validity of Claim 16 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System

**16.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,

wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.

## Validity of Claim 16 of the '966 Patent – 2005 Sonos System



**16.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,



wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.

## Validity of Claim 16 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox

**16.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,

wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.

## Validity of Claim 16 of the '966 Patent – Squeezebox



**16.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,



wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.

## Validity of Claim 16 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle

**16.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,

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## Validity of Claim 16 of the '966 Patent – Bose Lifestyle






**16.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,



wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.

# Conclusion

Asserted Claims	Google's References	Invalid?
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# Exhibit Q



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Academic Appointments



**Professor, Dept. of Computer Science**  
UC Santa Barbara (1997-2020)

**Vice Chair, Dept. of Computer Science**  
UC Santa Barbara (2001-2005)

**Associate Dean, College of Engineering**  
UC Santa Barbara (2007-2009)

Education



**Georgia Institute of Technology**

Ph.D. Computer Science 1997

M.S. Computer Science 1994

B.S. Computer Science 1992

Research Experience



25+ years of experience as a computer  
networking researcher



Approximately 200 peer-reviewed publications



19 released software systems

## Relevant Experience



### Research themes include:

- Streaming media in the Internet
- Delivery of multimedia content between computing devices
- Wireless networking



### Active in Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) for 20+ years:

- Developed standards to support multimedia data delivery
- Developed standards to support network monitoring & management

## Industry Collaborations

HITACHI

OCCAM  
NETWORKS

IBM



U.S. AIR FORCE



## Awards & Honors



- Numerous teaching awards
- Numerous honors and awards for original research
- Recognized as IEEE Fellow



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(57) ABSTRACT

An example playback device in a first zone of a media playback system receives a first indication that the first zone has been added to a first zone scene including a first preconfigured grouping of zones including the first zone and a second zone. The playback device receives a second indication that the first zone has been added to a second zone scene including a second preconfigured grouping of zones including the first zone and a third zone. After a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, the playback device receives an instruction to operate in accordance with the given zone scene, and based on the instruction, begins operating in accordance with the given zone scene such that the playback device is configured to play back audio in synchrony with one or more other playback devices in the media playback system.

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(57) **ABSTRACT**  
An example computing device in a media playback system receives a first request to create a first zone scene including a first preconfigured grouping of zones including a first zone and a second zone, and based on the first request, causes creation and storage of the first zone scene. The computing device receives a second request to create a second zone scene including a second preconfigured grouping of zones including the first zone and a third zone, and based on the second request, causes creation and storage of the second zone scene. While displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene, the computing devices receives a third request to invoke the first zone scene, and based on the third request, causes the first zone scene to be invoked such that the first zone and the second zone become configured for synchronous playback of media.  
**20 Claims, 13 Drawing Sheets**

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Chromecast



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Ultra



Chromecast with  
Google TV



Home



Home Mini



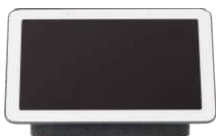
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Nest Audio



Nest Mini



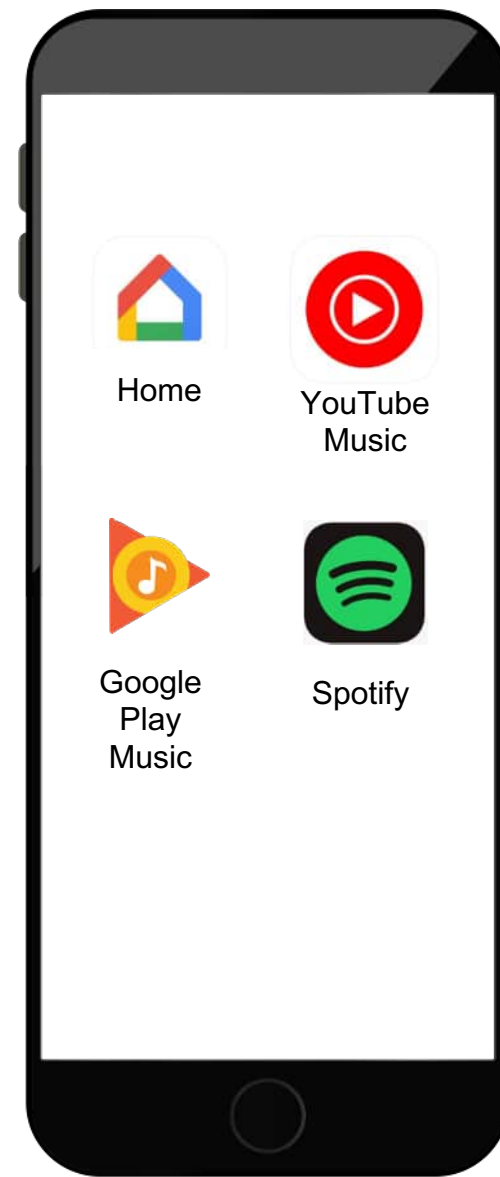
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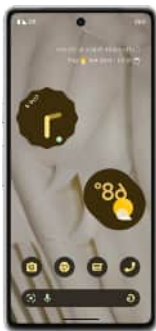
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# Assignment – Infringement of 960 Patent

Google "Pixel"  
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Google Home

Third-Party  
Devices



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OnePlus



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Play Music



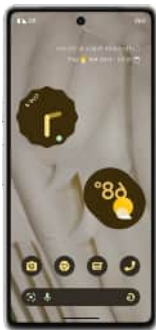
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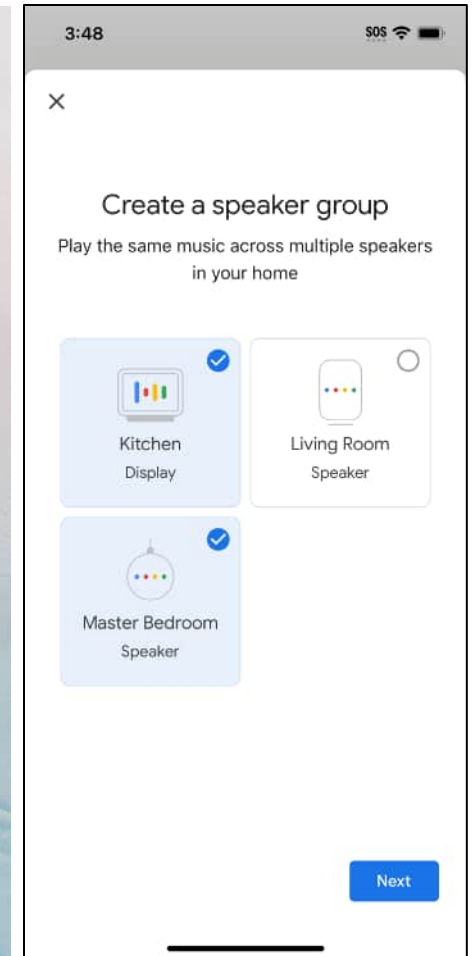
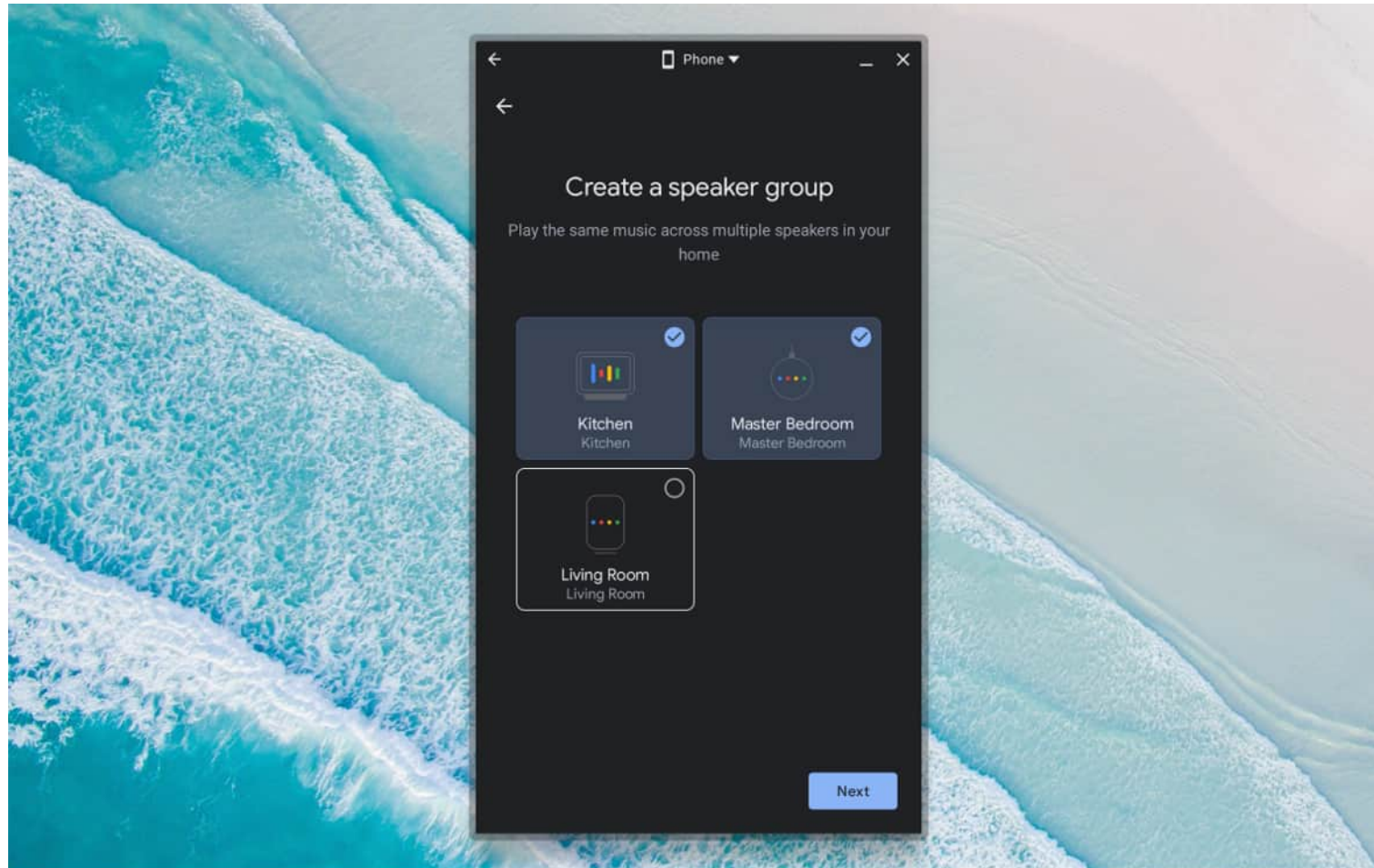
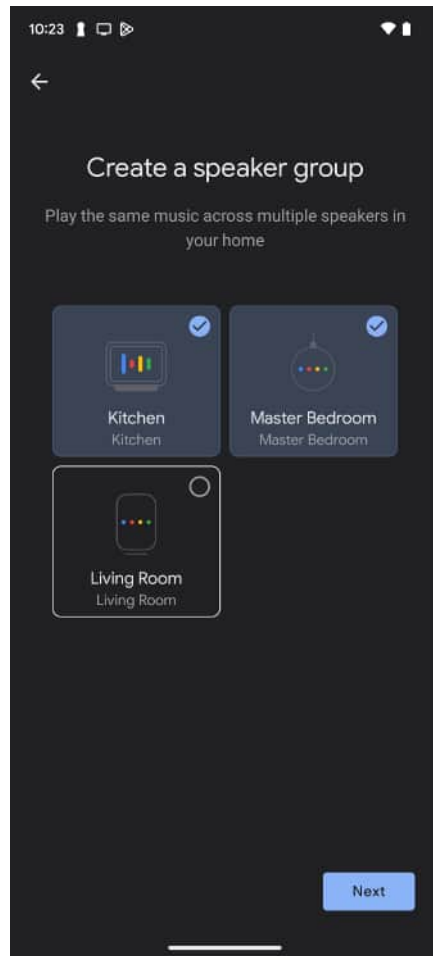


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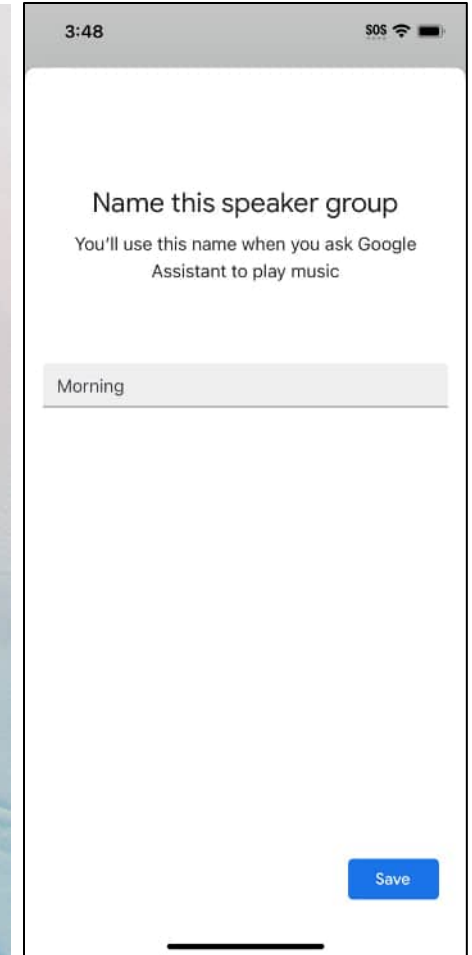
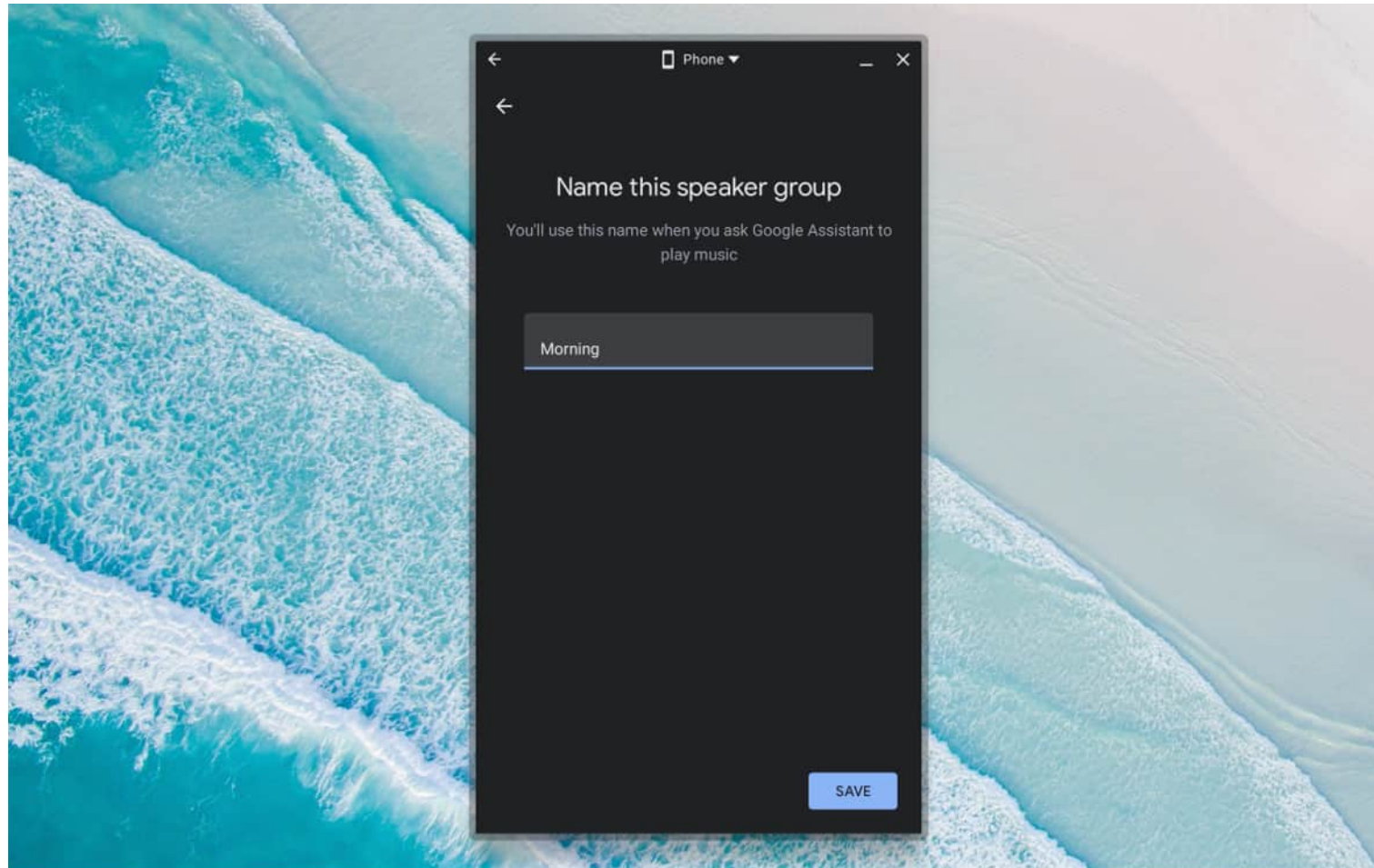
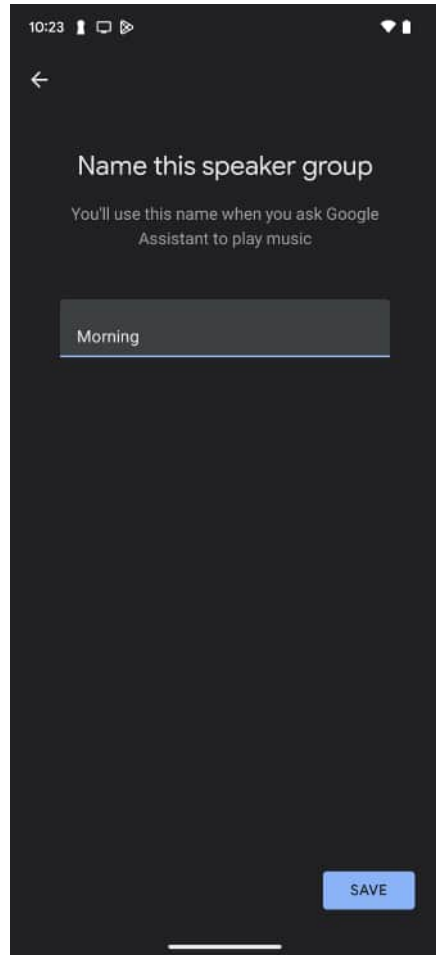
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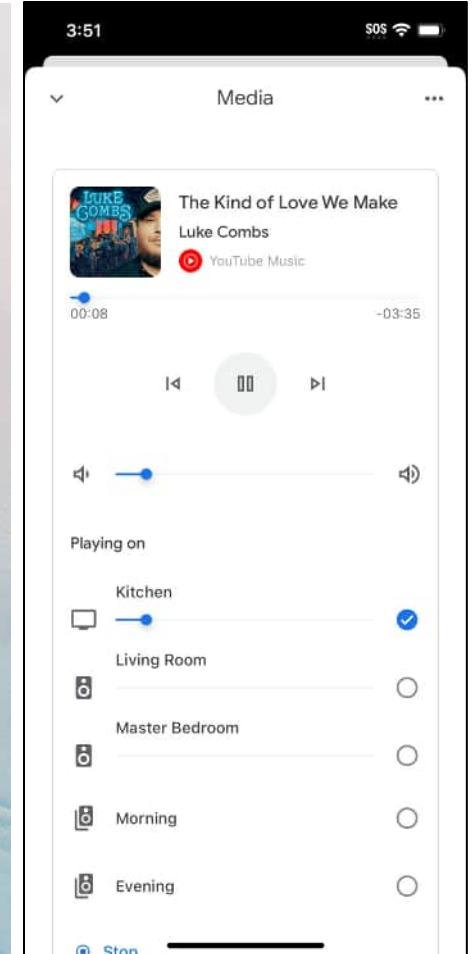
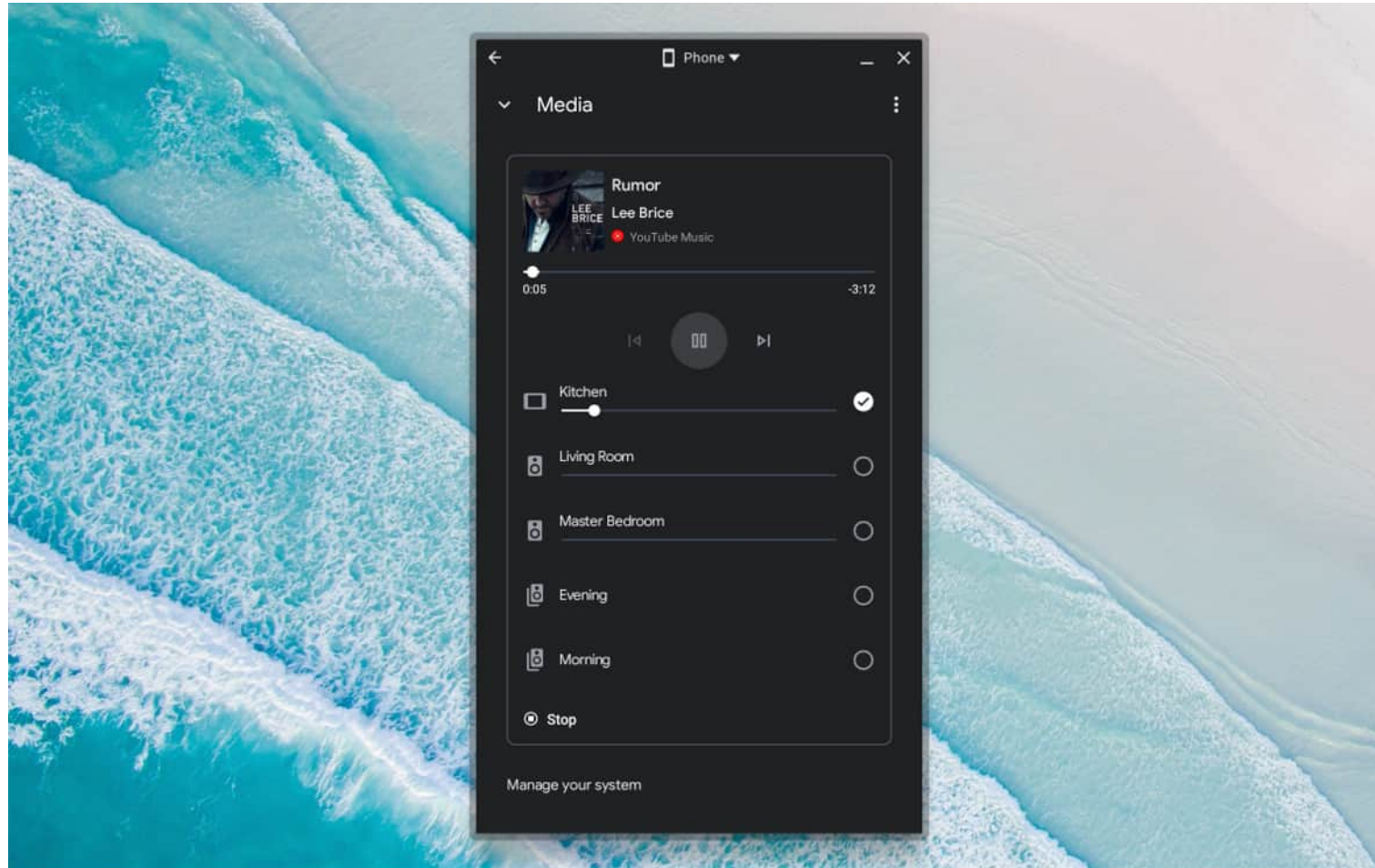
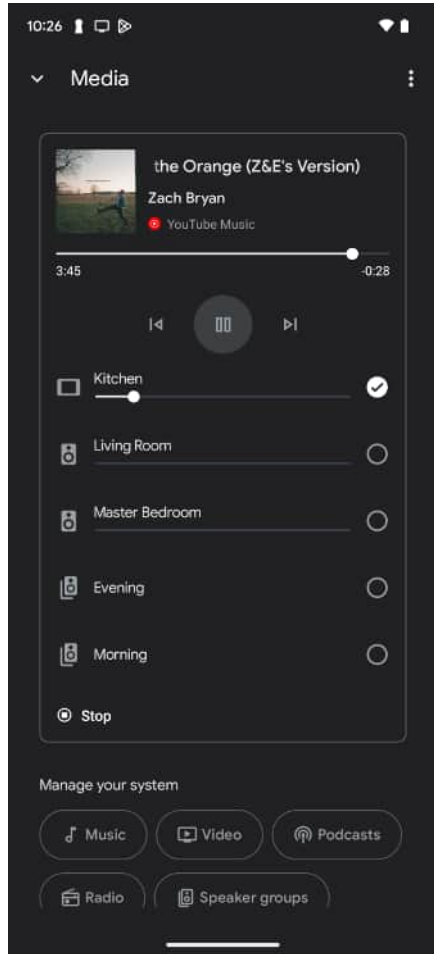
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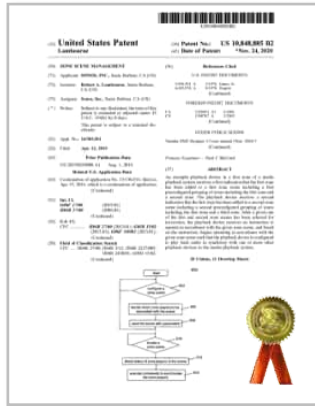
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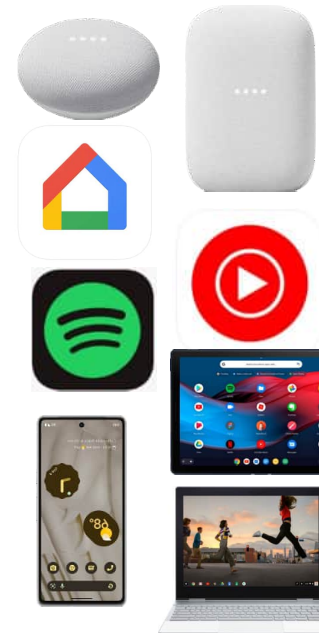


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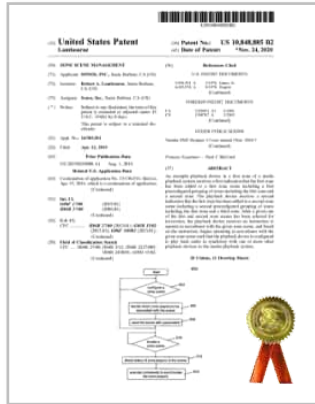
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## Google System Testing

- Google Nest Hub Display
- Google Home Mini Speaker
- Google Nest Audio Speaker
- Google Pixel 7 + Google Home, Google YouTube Music, and Spotify Apps
- Google Pixelbook + Google Home, YouTube Music, and Spotify Apps
- iPhone 12 Pro + Google Home, YouTube Music, and Spotify Apps



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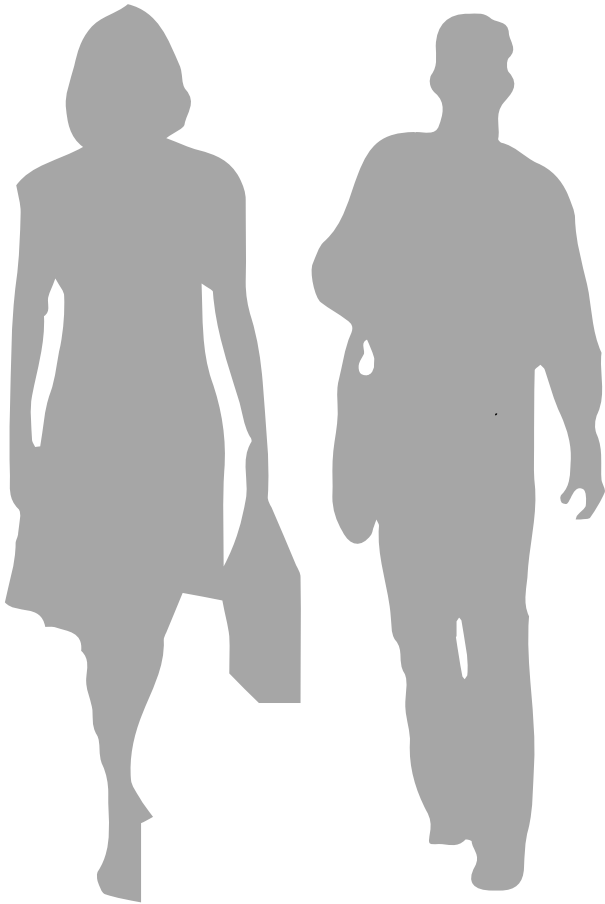
## Google System Testing

- Google Pixel 7 + Google Home, Google YouTube Music, and Spotify Apps
- Google Pixelbook + Google Home, YouTube Music, and Spotify Apps
- iPhone 12 Pro + Google Home, YouTube Music, and Spotify Apps
- Google Nest Hub Display
- Google Home Mini Speaker
- Google Nest Audio Speaker

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- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, or the equivalent



- 2-4 years of work experience in the fields of networking and network-based systems or applications, such as consumer audio systems, or an equivalent level of skill, knowledge, and experience

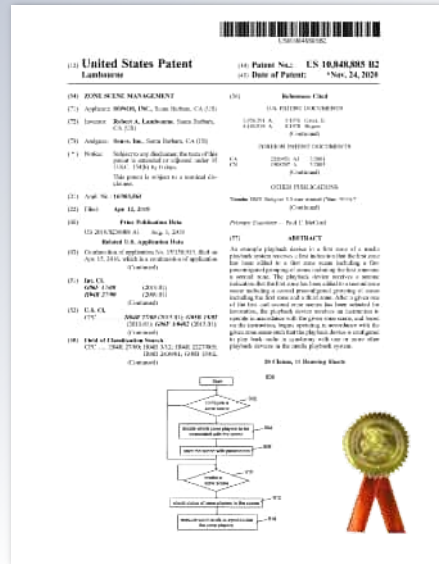


Claim Term	Sonos	Google
<b>“zone player”</b>	Same as “playback device” “a data network device configured to process and output audio”	Same as “playback device” Plain and ordinary meaning, no construction necessary
<b>“data network”</b>	Plain and ordinary meaning, which is “a medium that interconnects devices, enabling them to send digital data packets to and receive digital data packets from each other”	Plain and ordinary meaning, no construction necessary
<b>“network interface”</b>	Plain and ordinary meaning, which is “a physical component of a device that provides an interconnection with a data network”	Plain and ordinary meaning, no construction necessary
<b>“zone scene”</b>	“a previously-saved grouping of zone players that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the zone scene is invoked”	“a previously saved grouping of zone players according to a common theme”

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1. A first zone player comprising:  
a network interface that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one data network;  
one or more processors;  
a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and  
program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the first zone player to perform functions comprising:  
while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:

- (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and
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	[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.



# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '885 Patent

✓	[1.0] A first zone player comprising:
✓	[1.1] a network interface that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one data network;
✓	[1.2] one or more processors;
✓	[1.3] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and
✓	[1.4] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the first zone player to perform functions comprising:
✓	[1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:
✓	<b>[1.6] (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and</b>
	[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;
	[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;
	[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and
	[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '985 Patent

✓	[1.0] A first zone player comprising:
✓	[1.1] a network interface that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one data network;
✓	[1.2] one or more processors;
✓	[1.3] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and
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✓	[1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:
✓	[1.6] (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and
	[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;
	[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;
	[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and
	[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '885 Patent

✓	[1.0] A first zone player comprising:
✓	[1.1] a network interface that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one data network;
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✓	[1.3] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and
✓	[1.4] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the first zone player to perform functions comprising:
✓	[1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:
✓	[1.6] (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and
✓	[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;
	[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;
	[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and
	[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '985 Patent

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	[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;
	[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and
	[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '835 Patent

✓	[1.0] A first zone player comprising:
✓	[1.1] a network interface that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one data network;
✓	[1.2] one or more processors;
✓	[1.3] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and
✓	[1.4] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the first zone player to perform functions comprising:
✓	[1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:
✓	[1.6] (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and
✓	[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;
✓	[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;
	[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and
	[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '835 Patent

✓	[1.0] A first zone player comprising:
✓	[1.1] a network interface that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one data network;
✓	[1.2] one or more processors;
✓	[1.3] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and
✓	[1.4] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the first zone player to perform functions comprising:
✓	[1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:
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✓	[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;
✓	[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;
	[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and
	[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '885 Patent

✓	[1.0] A first zone player comprising:
✓	[1.1] a network interface that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one data network;
✓	[1.2] one or more processors;
✓	[1.3] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and
✓	[1.4] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the first zone player to perform functions comprising:
✓	[1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:
✓	[1.6] (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and
✓	[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;
✓	[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;
✓	[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and
	[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.



# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '985 Patent

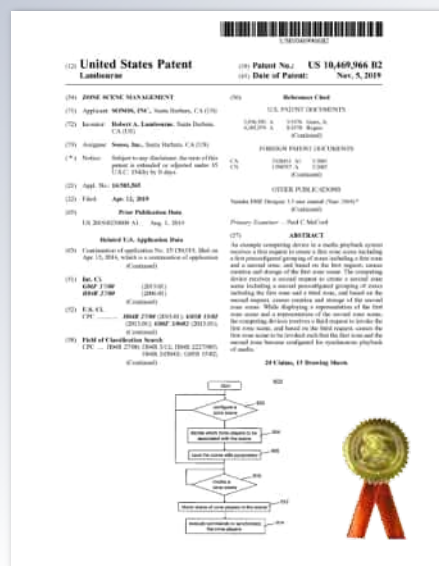
✓	[1.0] A first zone player comprising:
✓	[1.1] a network interface that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one data network;
✓	[1.2] one or more processors;
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✓	[1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:
✓	[1.6] (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and
✓	[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;
✓	[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;
✓	[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and
	[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.



# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '985 Patent

✓	[1.0] A first zone player comprising:
✓	[1.1] a network interface that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one data network;
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✓	[1.3] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and
✓	[1.4] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the first zone player to perform functions comprising:
✓	[1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:
✓	[1.6] (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and
✓	[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;
✓	[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;
✓	[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and
✓	[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

✓	[1.0] A first zone player comprising:
✓	[1.1] a network interface that is configured to communicatively couple the first zone player to at least one data network;
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✓	[1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:
✓	[1.6] (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and
✓	[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;
✓	[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;
✓	[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and
✓	[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.



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1. A computing device comprising: one or more processors;

a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually;

receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;

receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;

based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene; displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and

based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

- [1.0] A computing device comprising:
- [1.1] one or more processors;
- [1.2] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and
- [1.3] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:
- [1.4] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
- [1.5] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
- [1.6] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
- [1.7] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
- [1.8] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
- [1.9] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
- [1.8] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
- [1.10] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

	<b>[1.0]</b> A computing device comprising:
	<b>[1.1]</b> one or more processors;
	<b>[1.2]</b> a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and;
	<b>[1.3]</b> program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:
	<b>[1.4]</b> while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
	<b>[1.5]</b> receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
	<b>[1.6]</b> based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
	<b>[1.7]</b> receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
	<b>[1.8]</b> based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
	<b>[1.9]</b> displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
	<b>[1.8]</b> while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
	<b>[1.10]</b> based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.





**[1.0]** A computing device comprising:

**[1.1]** one or more processors;

**[1.2]** a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and

**[1.3]** program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[1.4]** while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:

**[1.5]** receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;

**[1.6]** based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;

**[1.7]** receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;

**[1.8]** based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;

**[1.9]** displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and

**[1.8]** while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and

**[1.10]** based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.



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# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '986 Patent

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# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '996 Patent

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✓	[1.0] A computing device comprising:
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✓	[1.2] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and;
✓	[1.3] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:
✓	[1.4] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
✓	[1.5] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
✓	[1.6] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
✓	[1.7] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
✓	[1.8] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
✓	[1.9] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
	<b>[1.8] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and</b>
	[1.10] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

✓	[1.0] A computing device comprising:
✓	[1.1] one or more processors;
✓	[1.2] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and;
✓	[1.3] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:
✓	[1.4] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
✓	[1.5] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
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✓	[1.7] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
✓	[1.8] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
✓	[1.9] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
✓	<b>[1.8] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and</b>
	[1.10] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

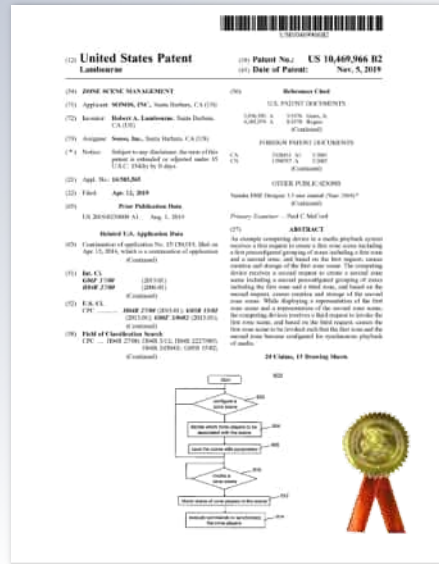
✓	[1.0] A computing device comprising:
✓	[1.1] one or more processors;
✓	[1.2] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and;
✓	[1.3] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:
✓	[1.4] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
✓	[1.5] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
✓	[1.6] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
✓	[1.7] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
✓	[1.8] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
✓	[1.9] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
✓	[1.8] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
	[1.10] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.



# Infringement of Claim 1 of the '996 Patent

✓	[1.0] A computing device comprising:
✓	[1.1] one or more processors;
✓	[1.2] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and;
✓	[1.3] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:
✓	[1.4] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
✓	[1.5] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
✓	[1.6] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
✓	[1.7] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
✓	[1.8] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
✓	[1.9] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
✓	[1.8] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
✓	[1.10] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

✓	[1.0] A computing device comprising:
✓	[1.1] one or more processors;
✓	[1.2] a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and;
✓	[1.3] program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:
✓	[1.4] while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
✓	[1.5] receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
✓	[1.6] based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
✓	[1.7] receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
✓	[1.8] based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
✓	[1.9] displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
✓	[1.8] while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
✓	[1.10] based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.



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2. The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.





[2.0] The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



[2.1] while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

[2.2] based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



[2.0] The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



[2.1] while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



[2.2] based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



**[2.0]** The computing device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

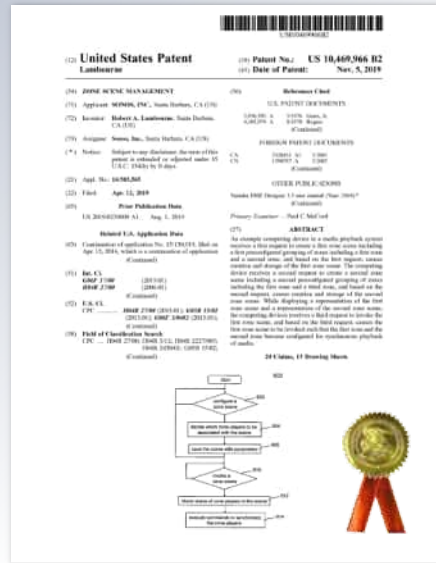


**[2.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



**[2.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

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3. The computing device of claim 1, wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.

**3.** The computing device of claim 1,

wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and  
wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.



**3.** The computing device of claim 1,



wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.

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4. The computing device of claim 3, wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predefined grouping of zone players.

4. The computing device of claim 3,
wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predetermined grouping of zone players.





4. The computing device of claim 3,

wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predetermined grouping of zone players.

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6. The computing device of claim 1, wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

**6.** The computing device of claim 1,

wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

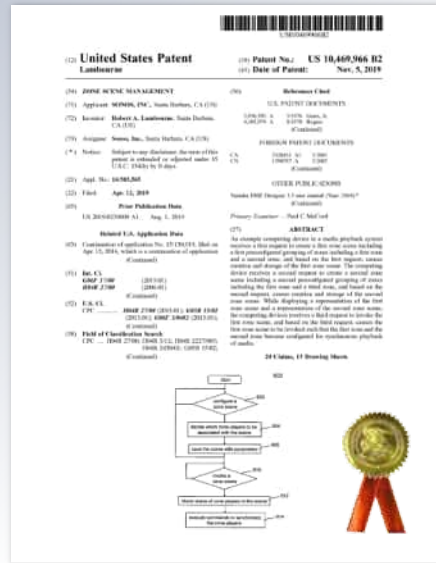


6. The computing device of claim 1,



wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

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8. The computing device of claim 1, wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.

**8.** The computing device of claim 1,

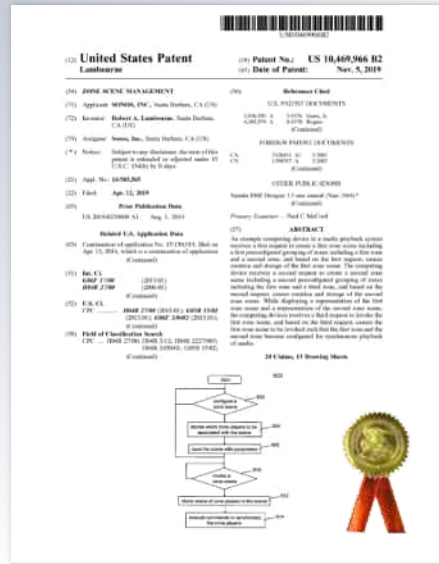
wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.



**8.** The computing device of claim 1,



wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.



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9. A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising: while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually;

receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;

receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;

based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;

displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.



- [9.0]** A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:
- [9.1]** while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:
- [9.2]** receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;
- [9.3]** based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;
- [9.4]** receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;
- [9.5]** based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;
- [9.6]** displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and
- [9.7]** while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and
- [9.8]** based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.

**[9.0]** A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[9.1]** while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually;

**[9.2]** receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;

**[9.3]** based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;

**[9.4]** receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;

**[9.5]** based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;

**[9.6]** displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and

**[9.7]** while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and

**[9.8]** based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.



**[9.0]** A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[9.1]** while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually;

**[9.2]** receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;

**[9.3]** based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;

**[9.4]** receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;

**[9.5]** based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;

**[9.6]** displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and

**[9.7]** while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and

**[9.8]** based on the third request, causing the first zone player to transition from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player.



**[9.0]** A non-transitory computer-readable medium, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is provisioned with program instructions that are executable to cause a computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[9.1]** while serving as a controller for a networked media playback system comprising a first zone player and at least two other zone players, wherein the first zone player is operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually:

**[9.2]** receiving a first request to create a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked;

**[9.3]** based on the first request, i) causing creation of the first zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the first zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the first zone scene;

**[9.4]** receiving a second request to create a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the third zone player is different than the second zone player;

**[9.5]** based on the second request, i) causing creation of the second zone scene, ii) causing an indication of the second zone scene to be transmitted to the first zone player, and iii) causing storage of the second zone scene;

**[9.6]** displaying a representation of the first zone scene and a representation of the second zone scene; and

**[9.7]** while displaying the representation of the first zone scene and the representation of the second zone scene, receiving a third request to invoke the first zone scene; and

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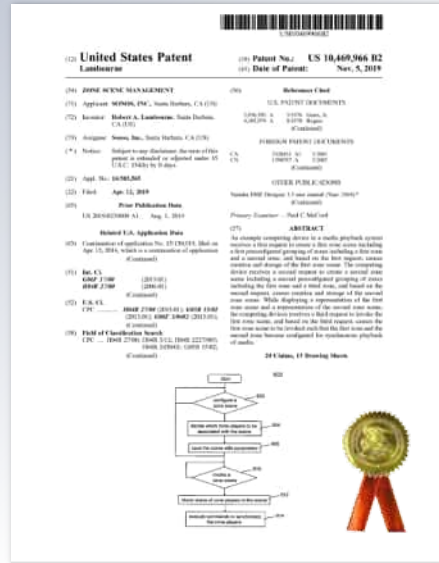
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10. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.

**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.





**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:

**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and

**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



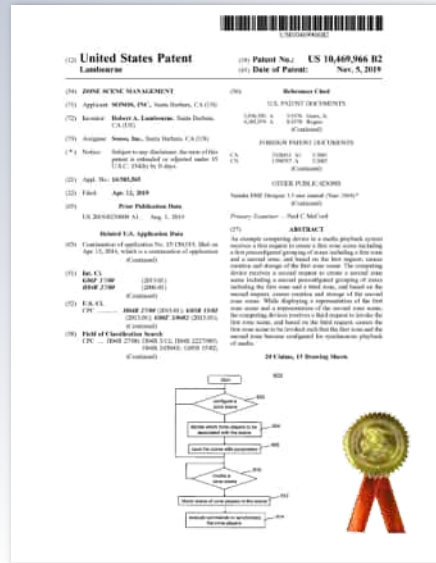
**[10.0]** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the non-transitory computer-readable medium is also provisioned with program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to perform functions comprising:



**[10.1]** while the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to play back media in synchrony with at least the second zone player, receiving a fourth request to invoke the second zone scene; and



**[10.2]** based on the fourth request, causing the first zone player to (a) cease to operate in accordance with the first predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is no longer configured to coordinate with at least the second zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the second zone player and (b) begin to operate in accordance with the second predefined grouping of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least the third zone player to output media in synchrony with output of media by at least the third zone player.



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11. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.

**11.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,

wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and  
wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.

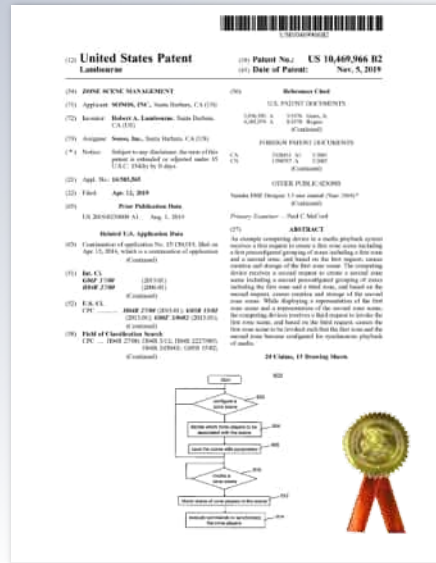


**11.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,



wherein causing storage of the first zone scene comprises causing storage of the first zone scene at a location other than the computing device, and wherein causing storage of the second zone scene comprises causing storage of the second zone scene at the location other than the computing device.





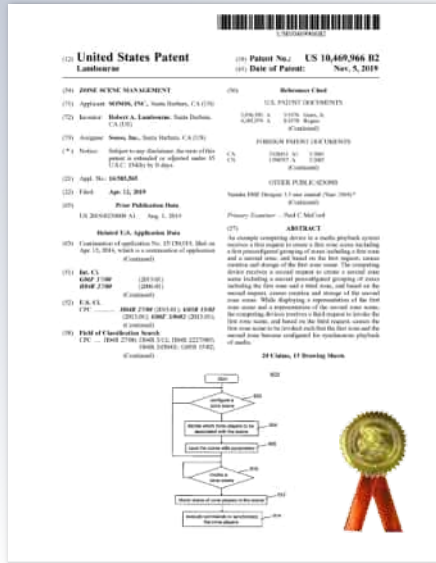
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12. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predefined grouping of zone players.

<b>12.</b> The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 11,
wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predefined grouping of zone players.



**12.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 11,  
wherein the location other than the computing device comprises a zone player of the first predefined grouping of zone players.



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14. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.

**14.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,

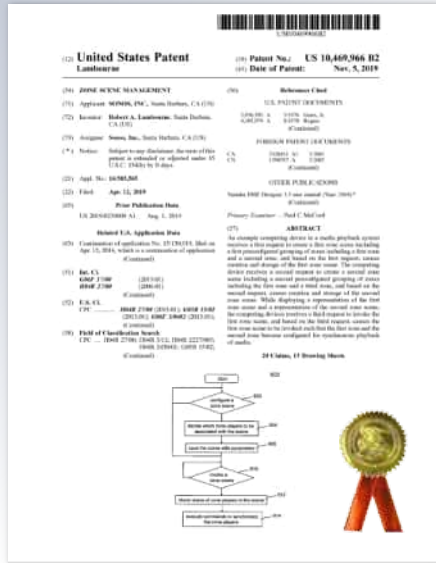
wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.



**14.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,



wherein the first predefined grouping of zone players does not include the third zone player, and wherein the second predefined grouping of zone players does not include the second zone player.



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16. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.

**16.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,

wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.





**16.** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 9,



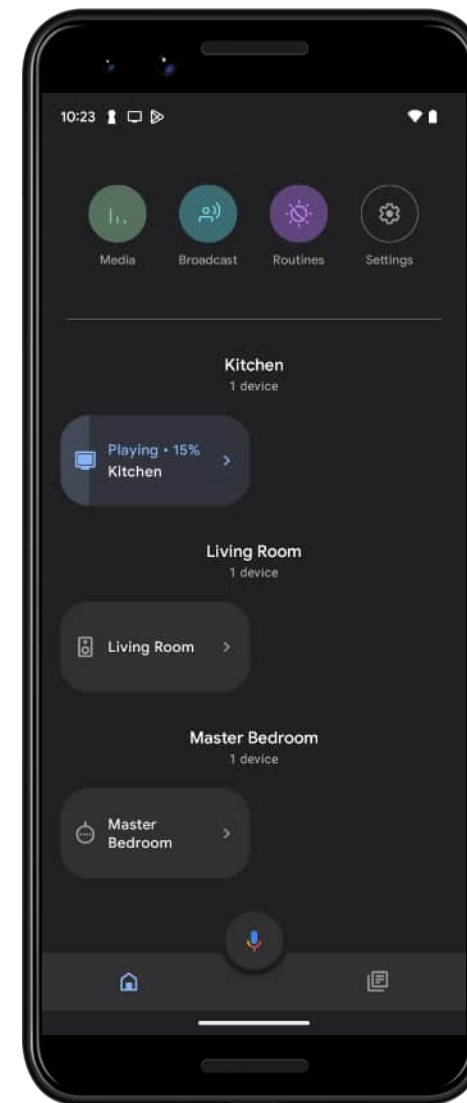
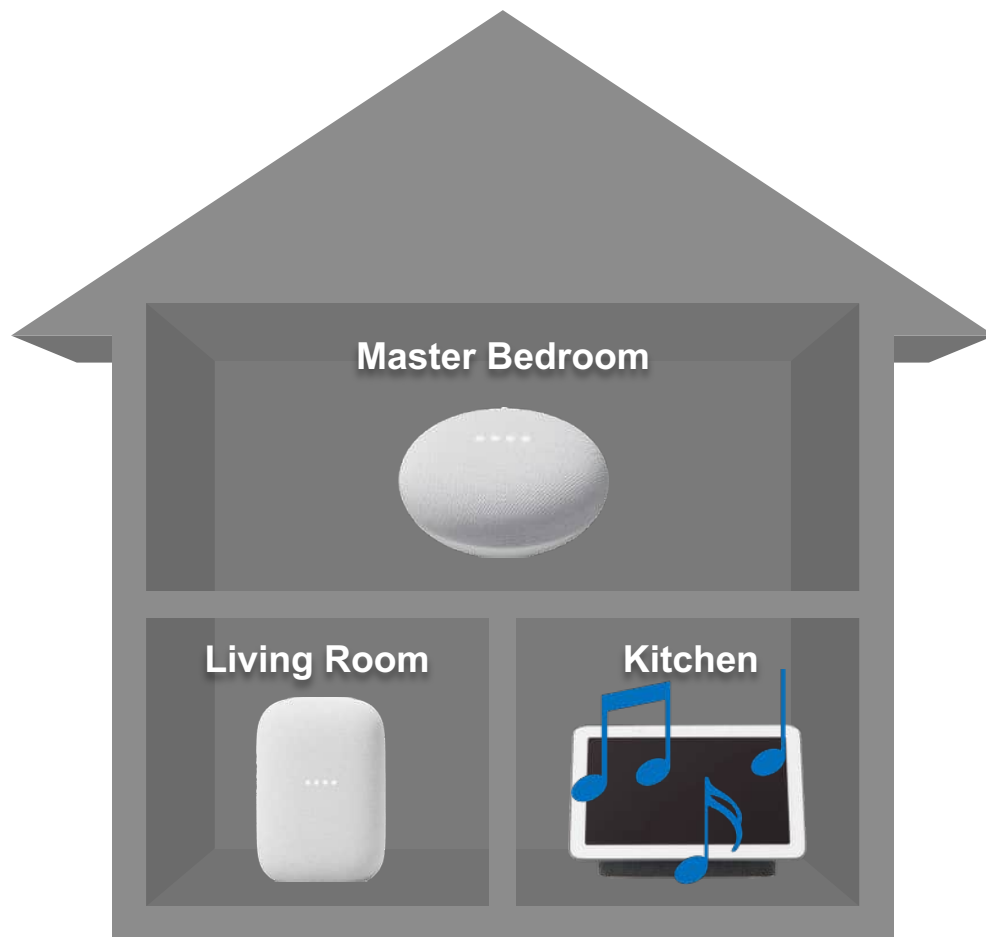
wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a first set of one or more inputs via a user interface of the computing device, wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a second set of one or more inputs via the user interface, and wherein receiving the third request comprises receiving a third set of one or more inputs via the user interface.

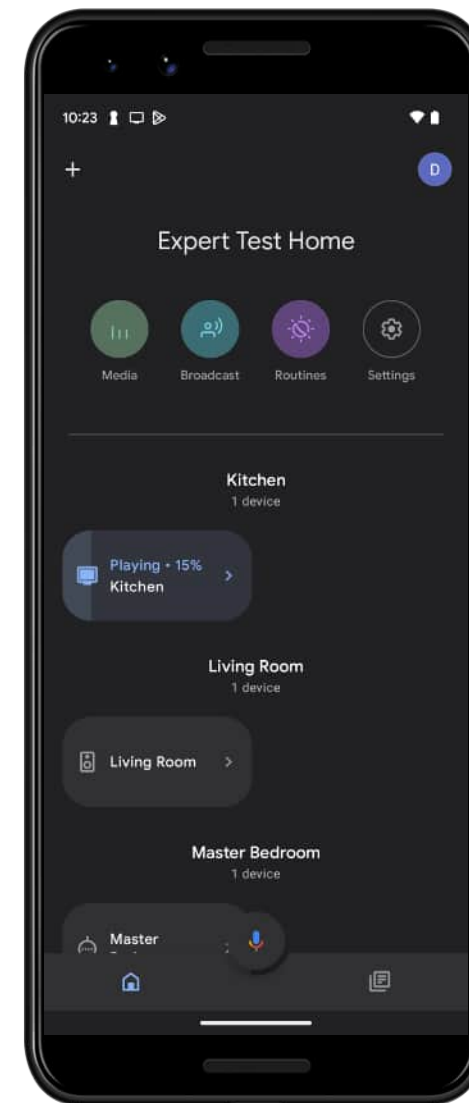
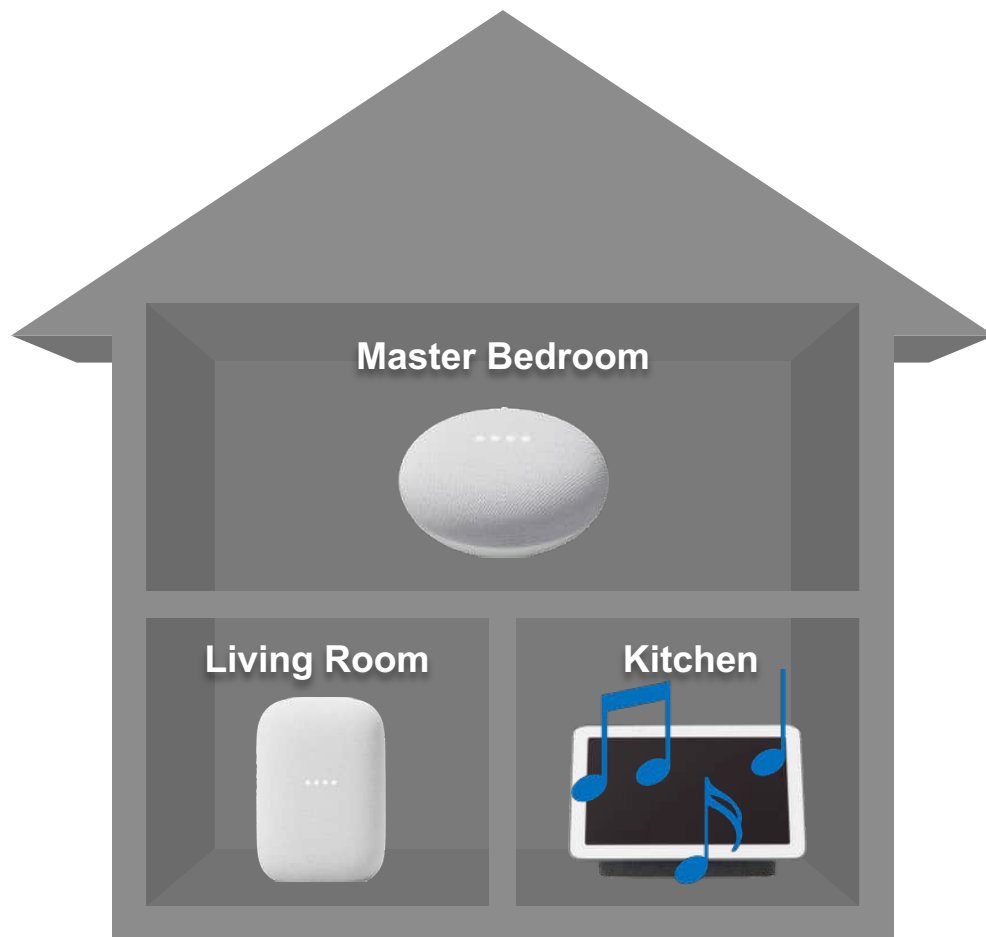
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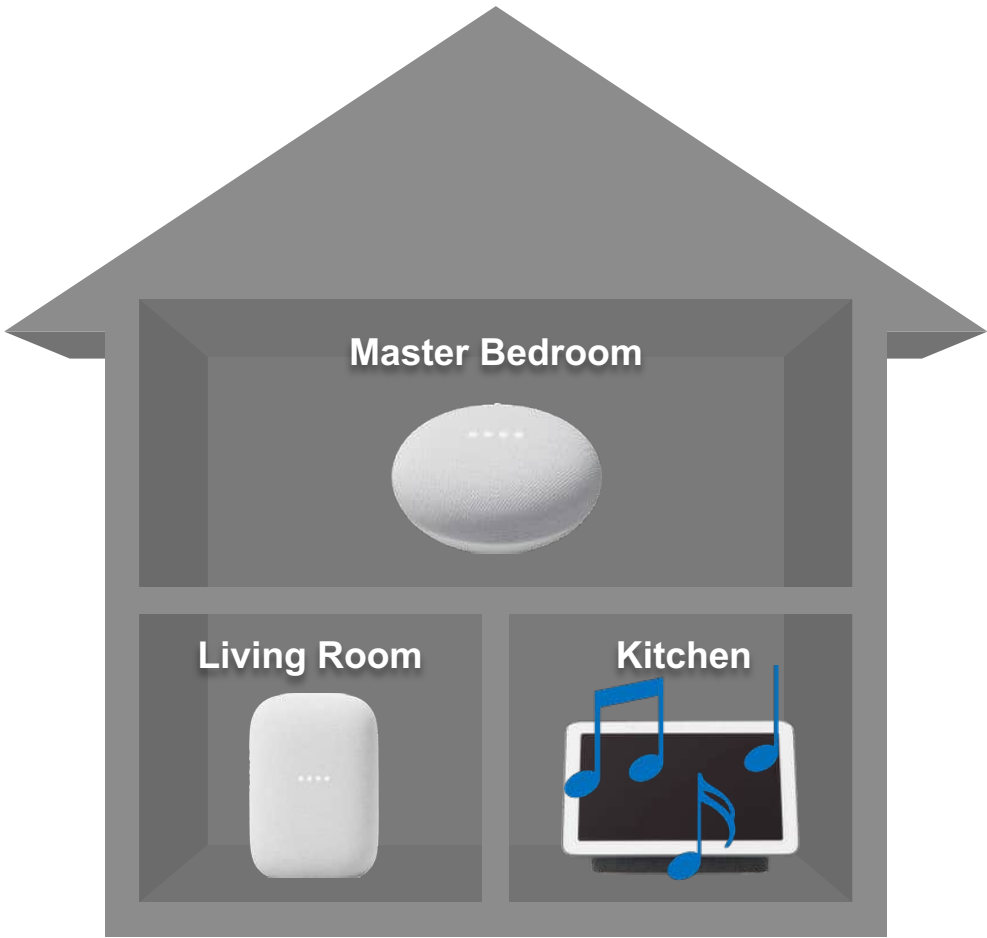
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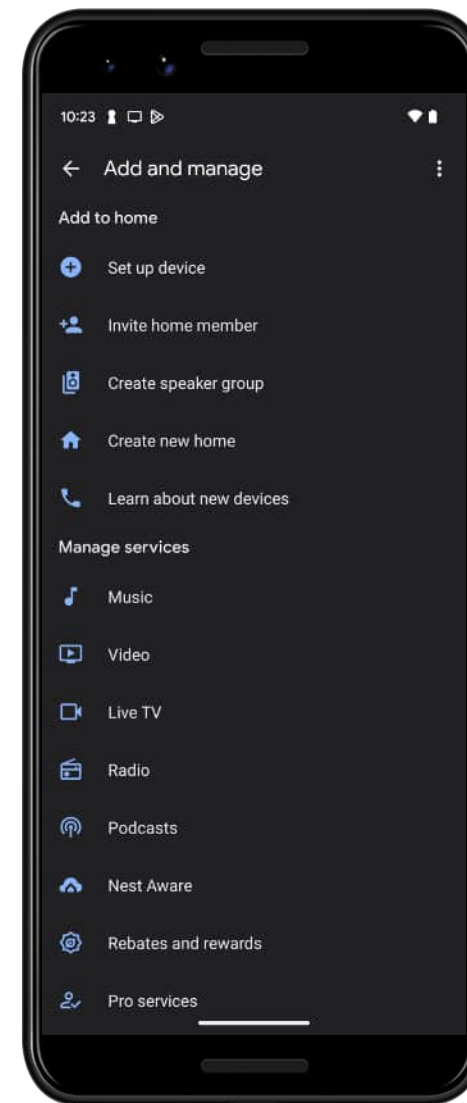
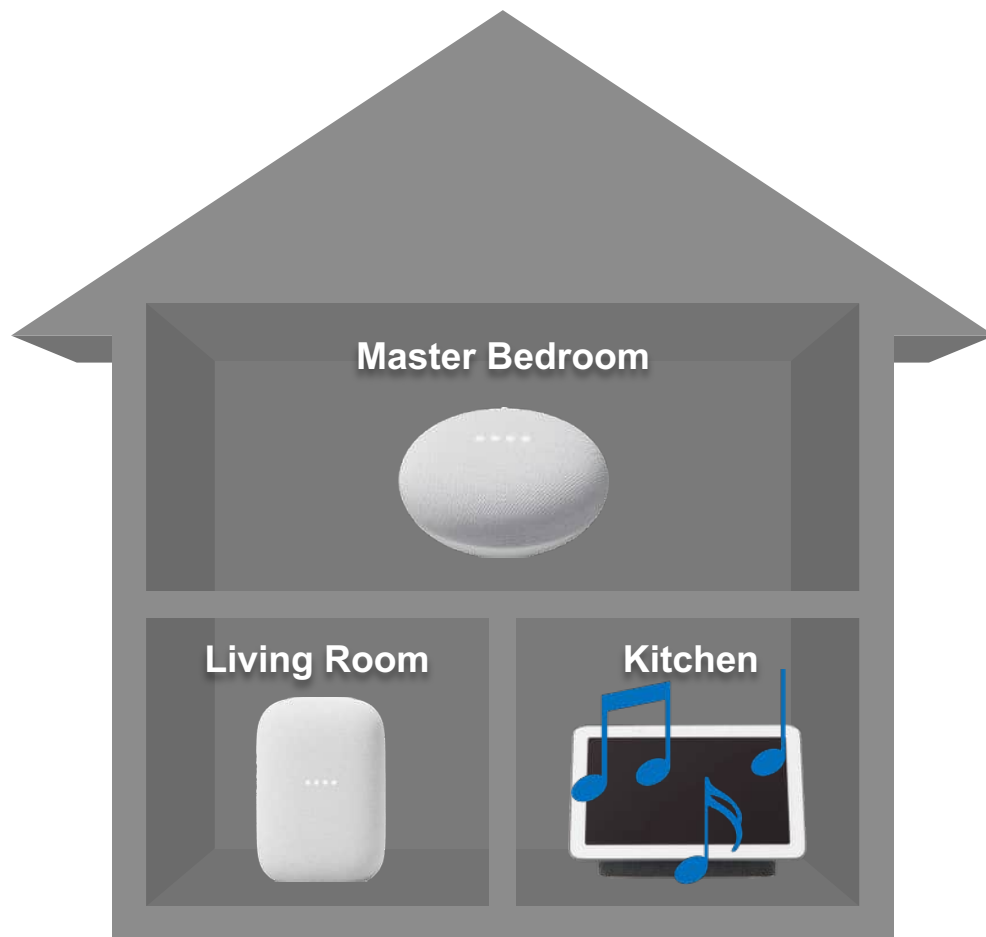
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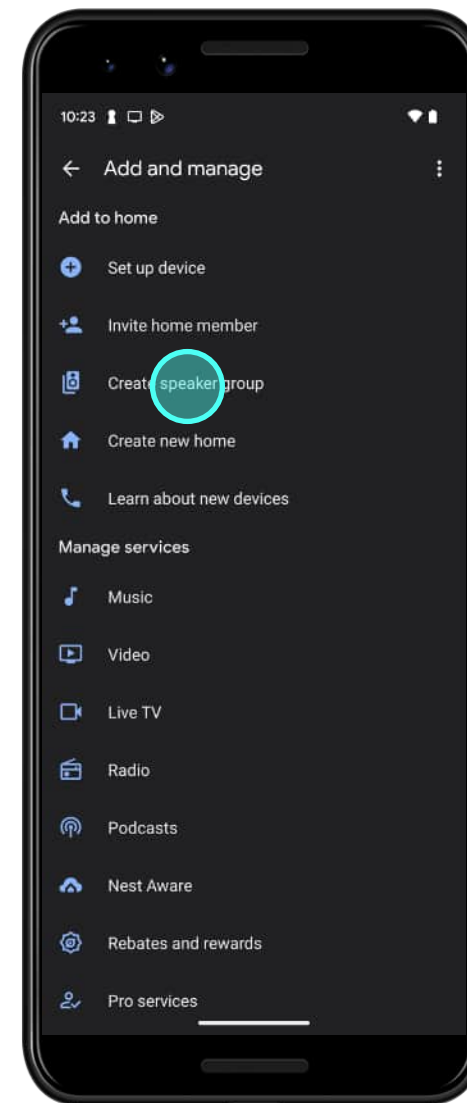
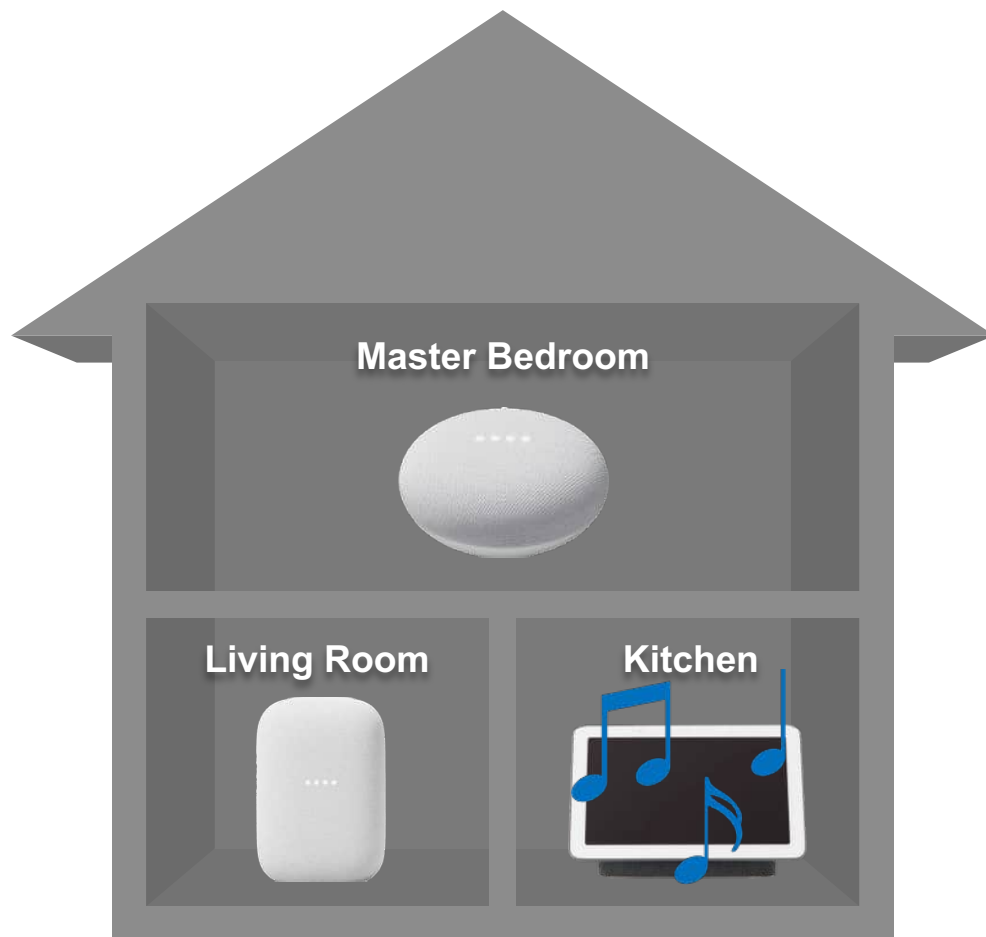
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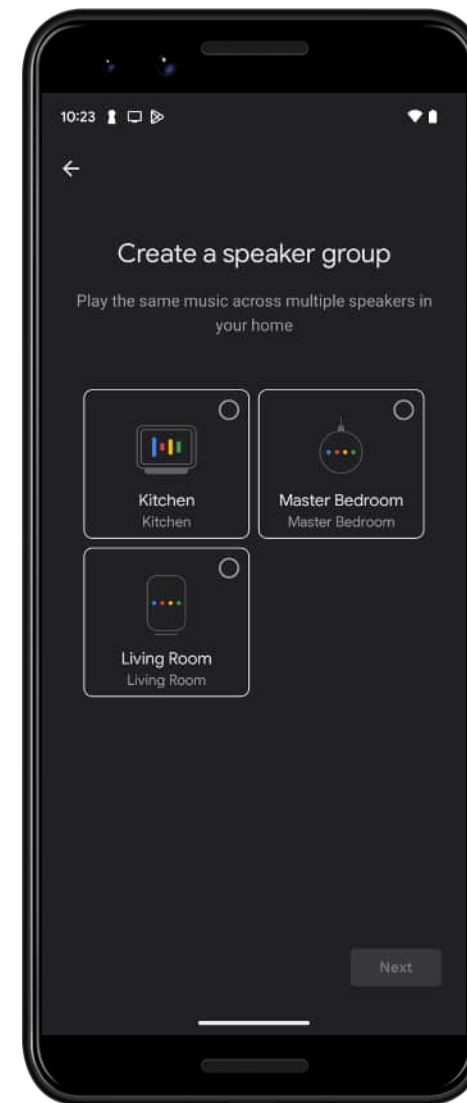
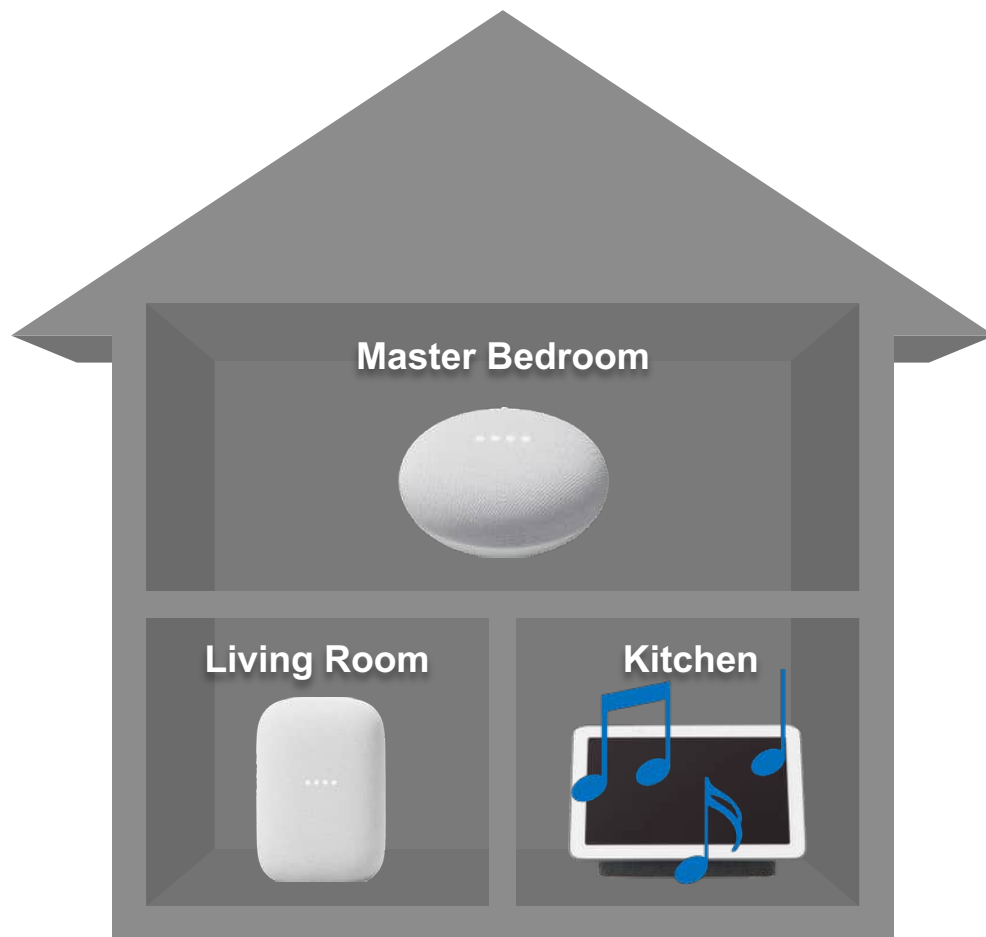


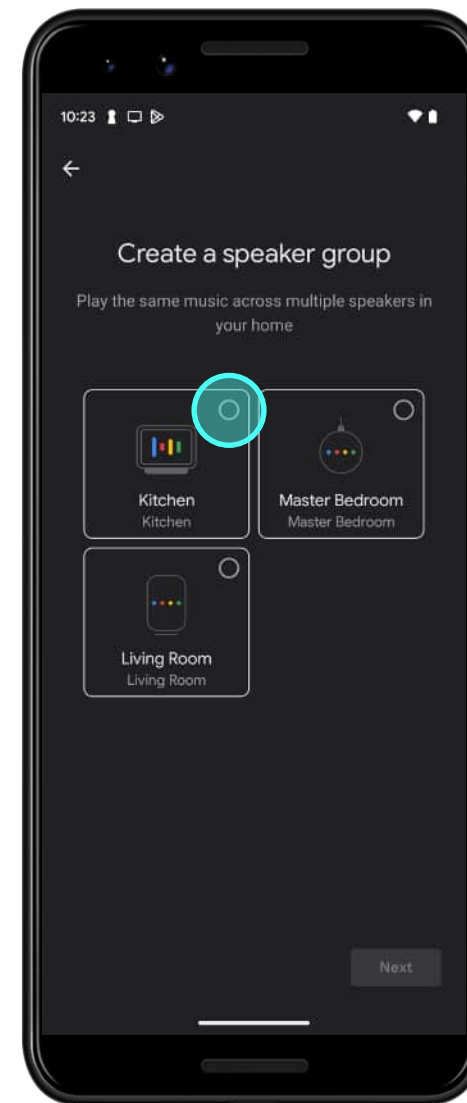
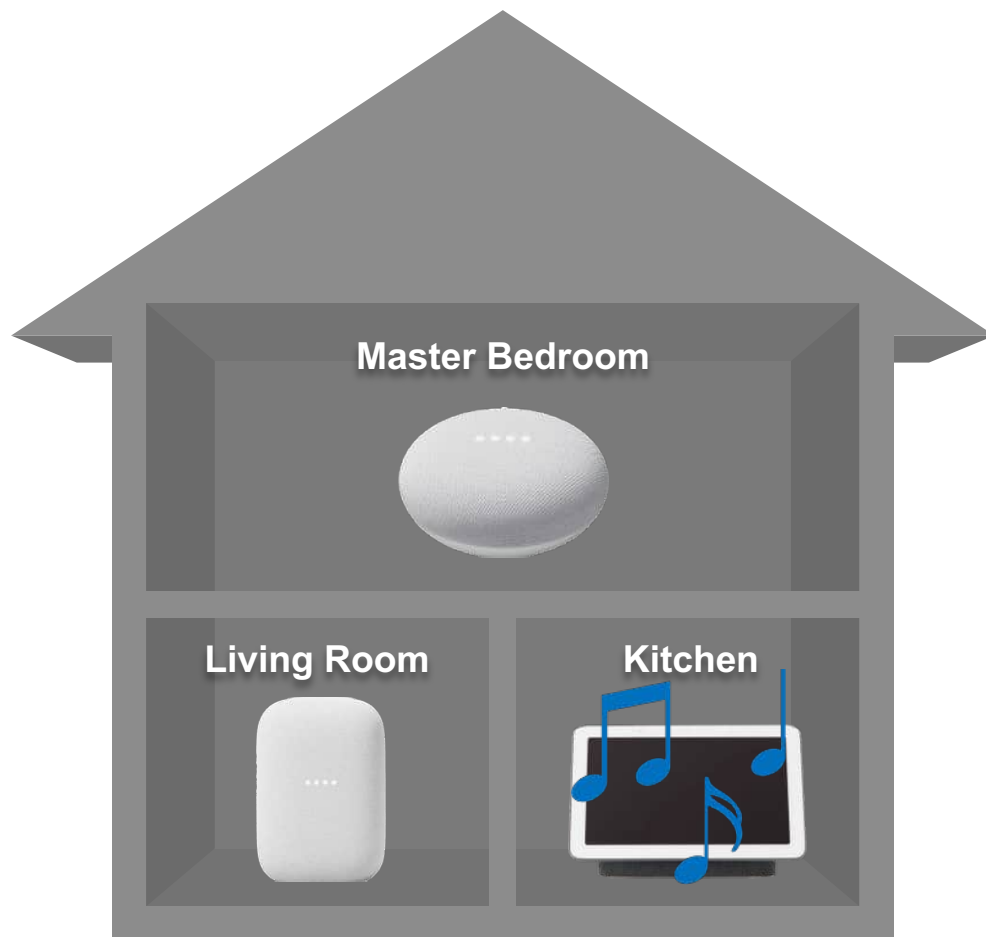


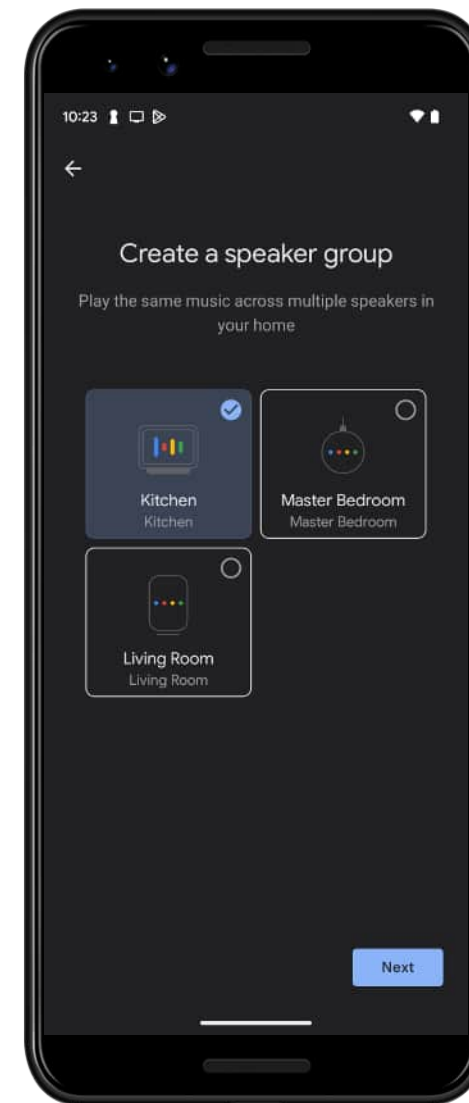
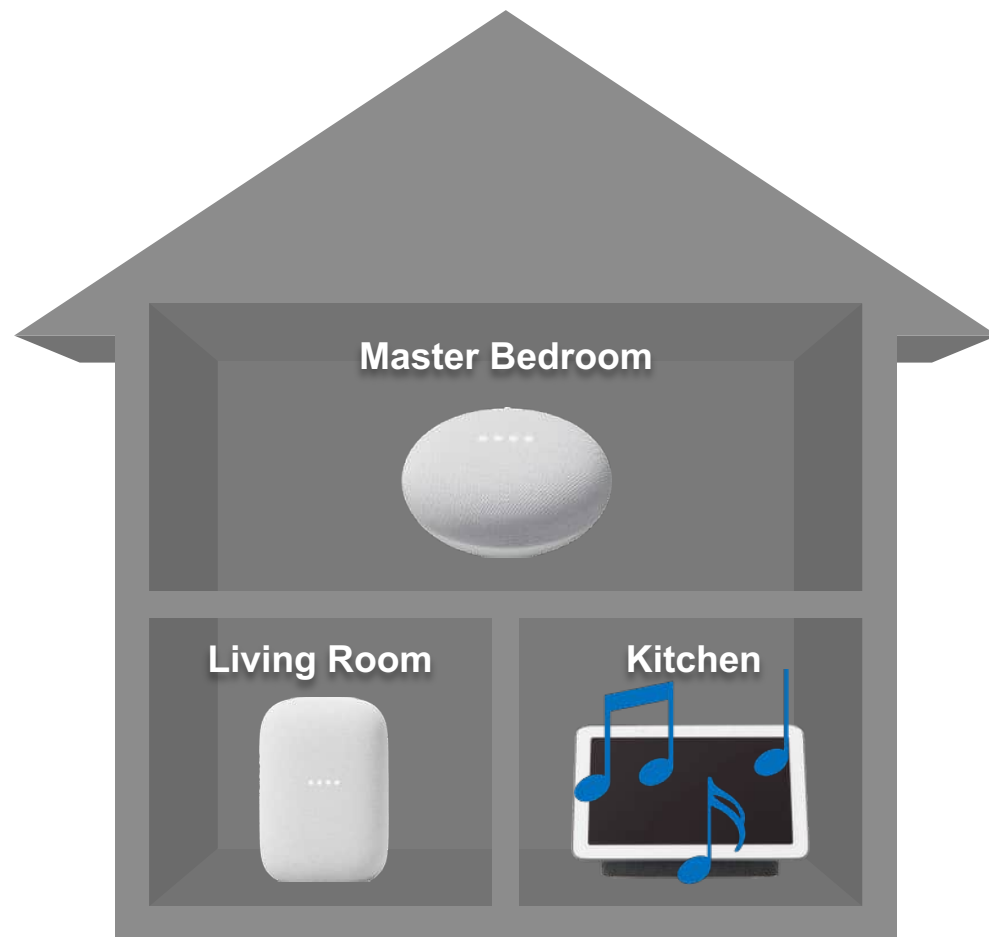


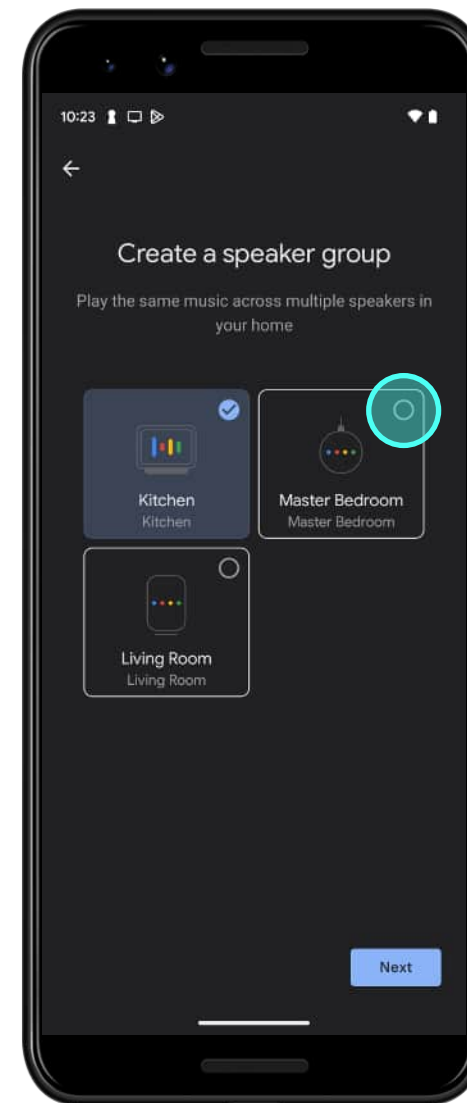
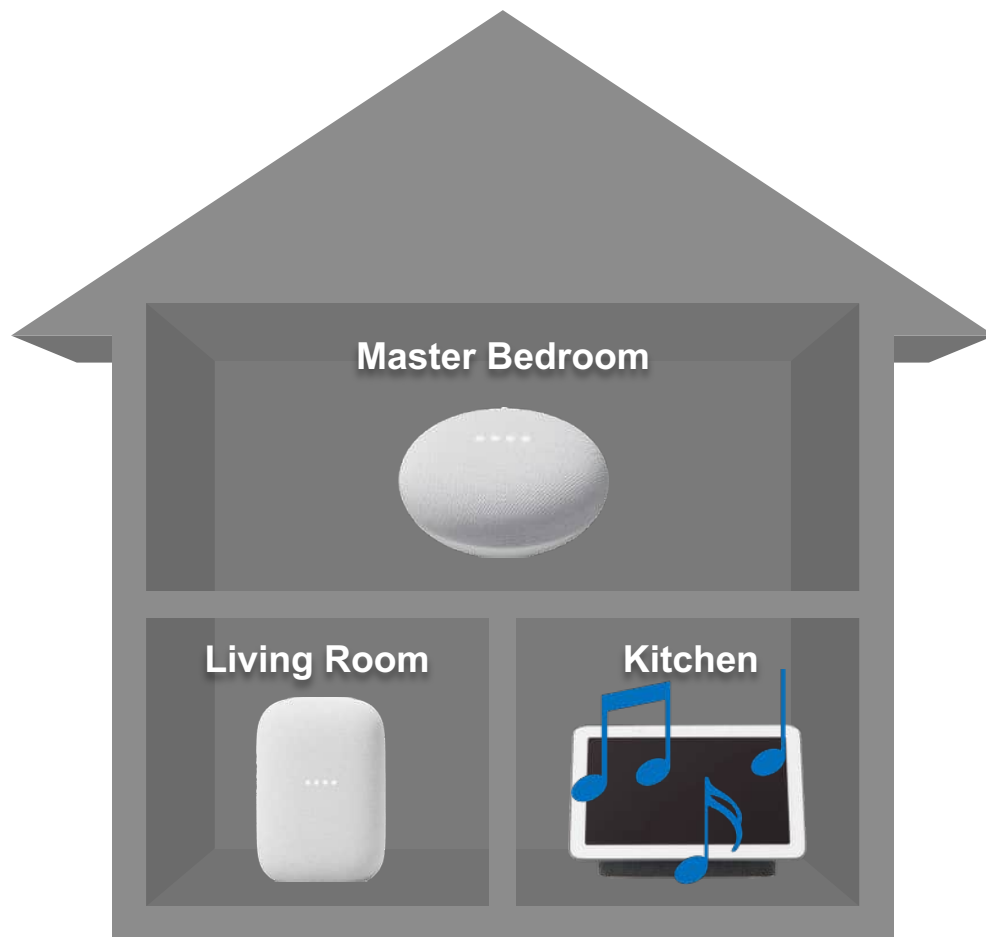


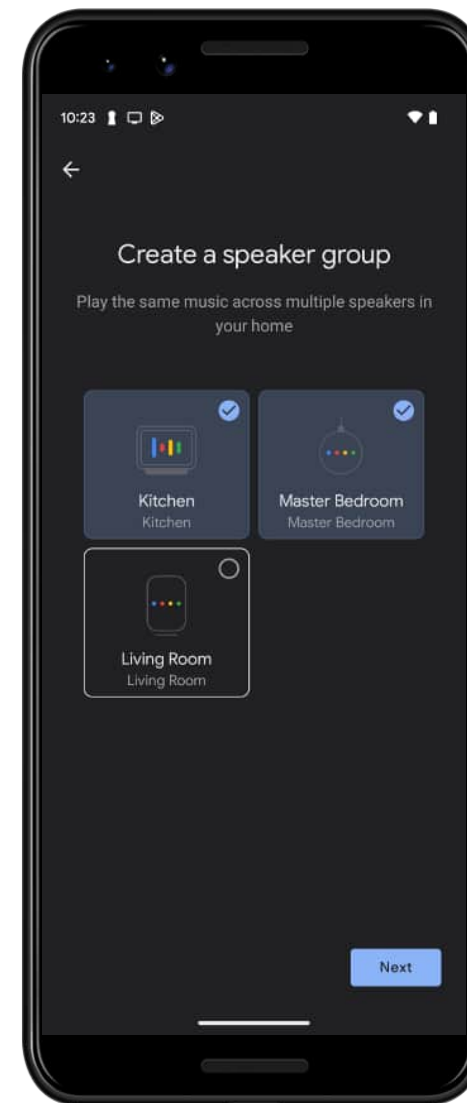
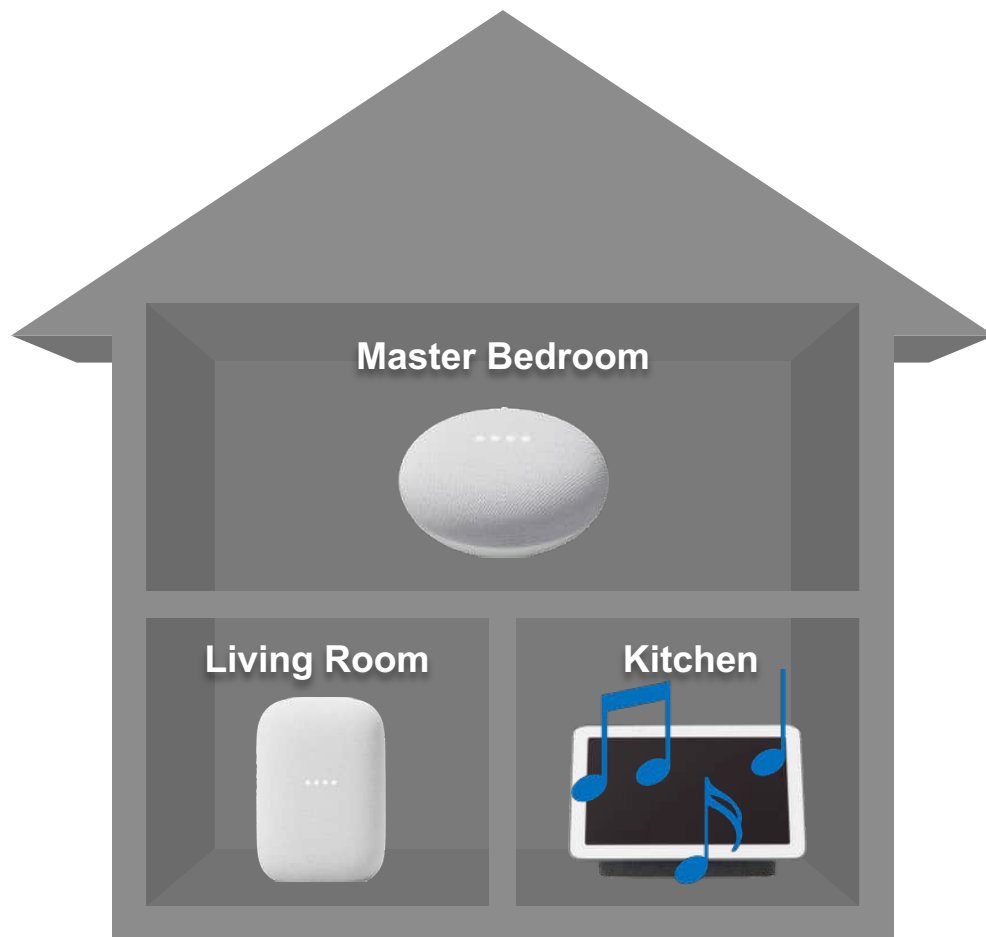


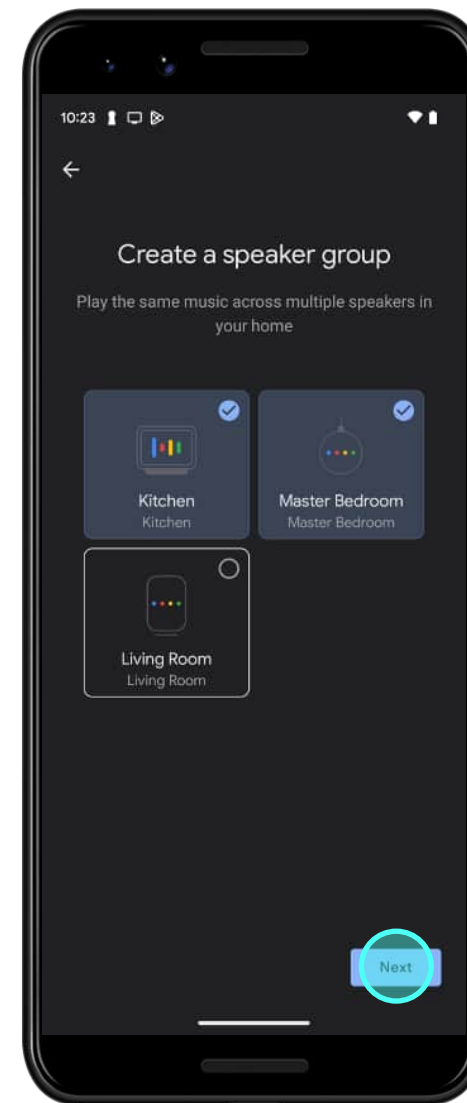
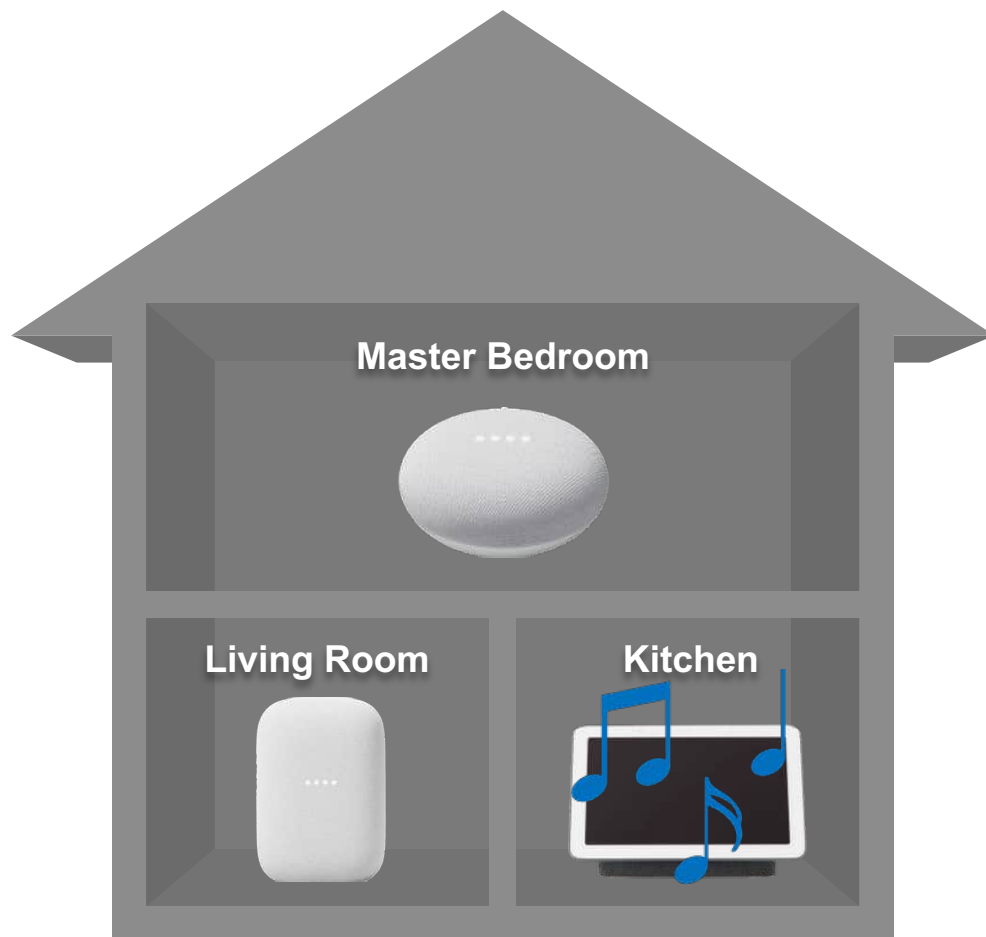


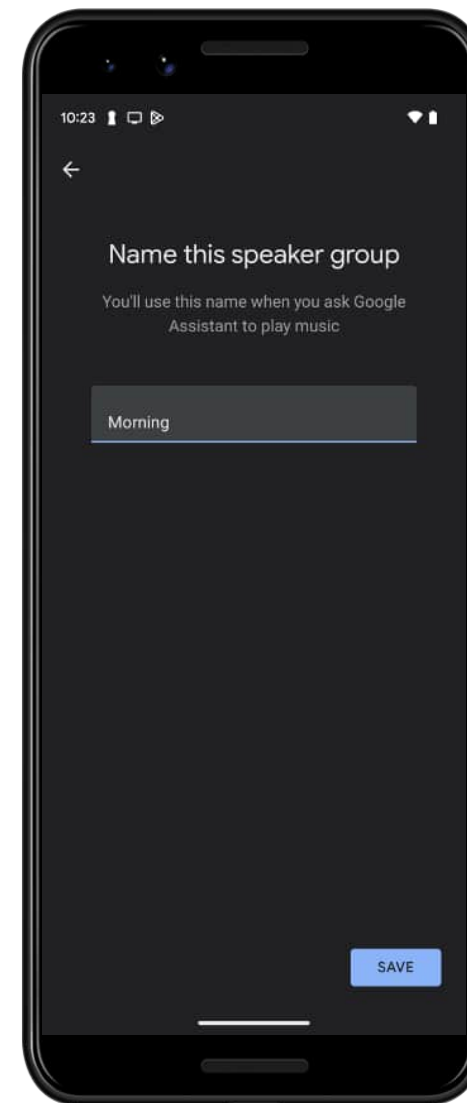
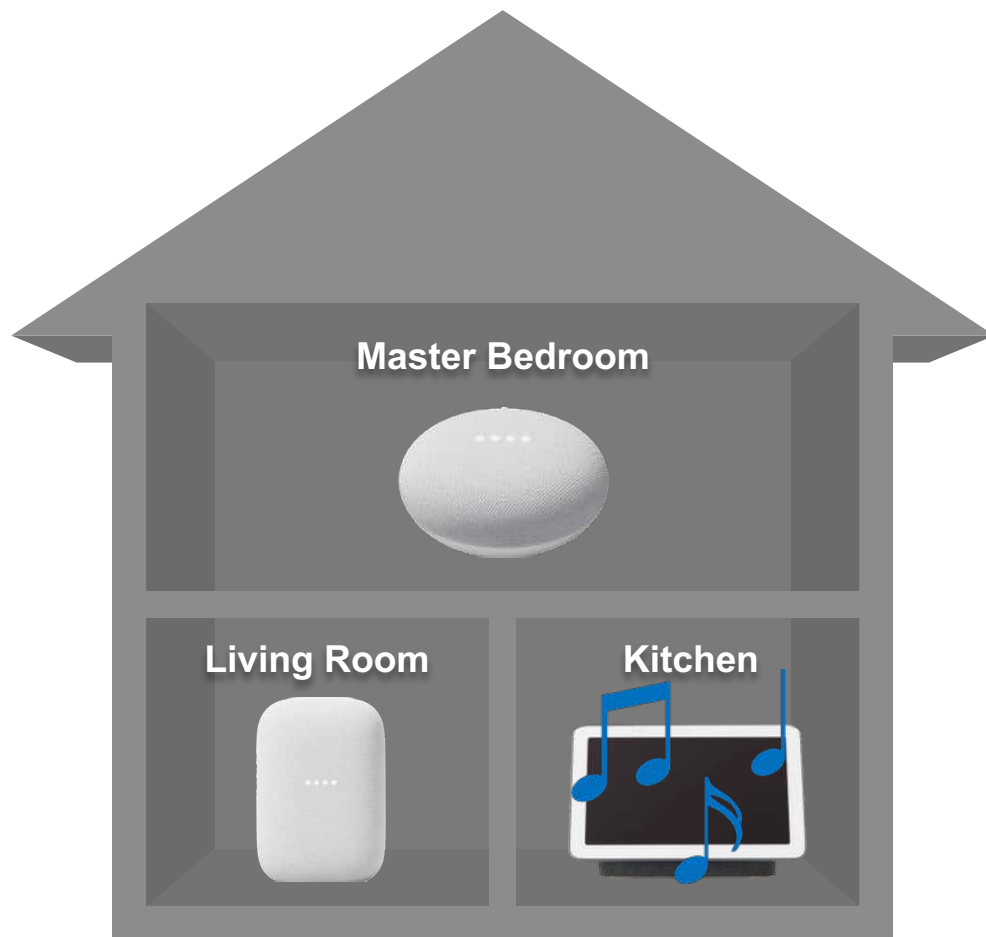


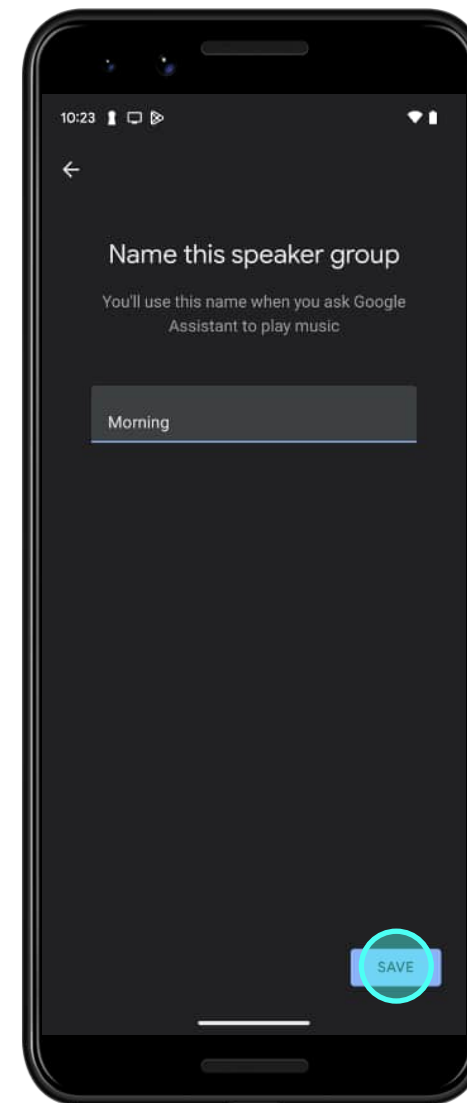
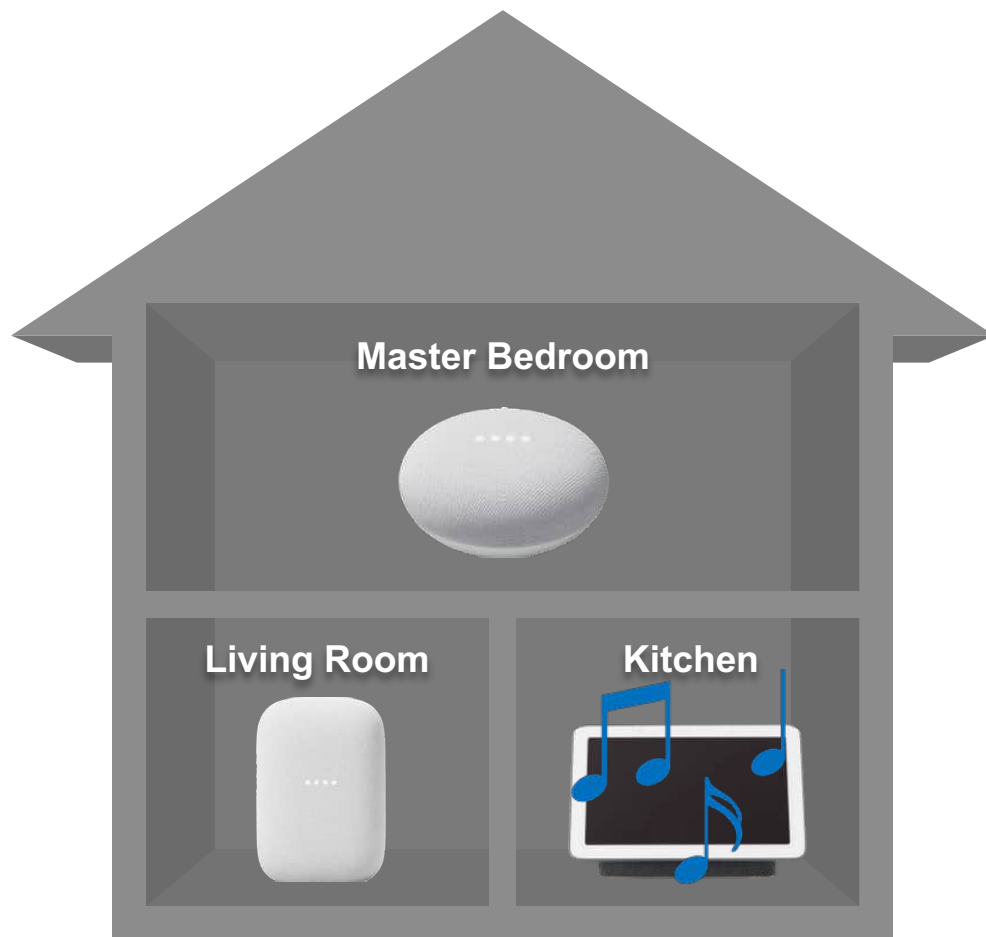




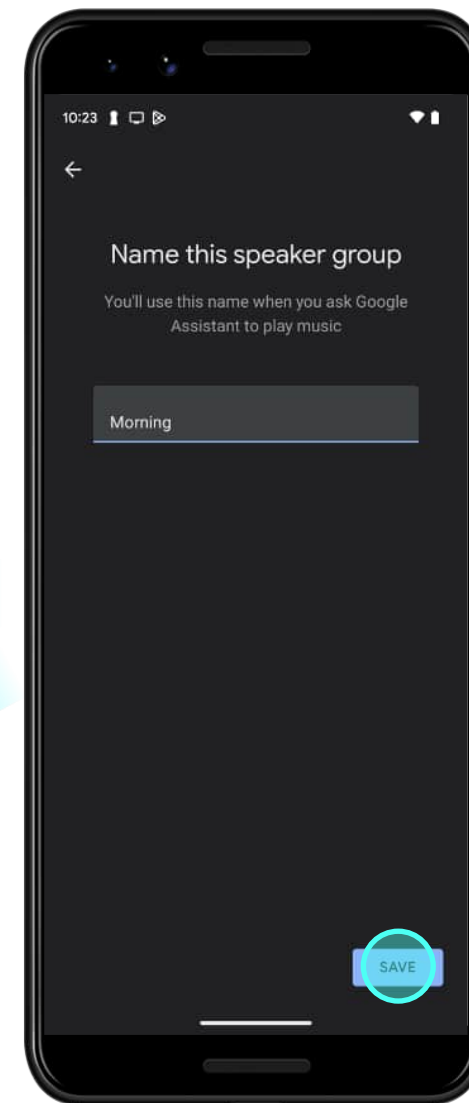
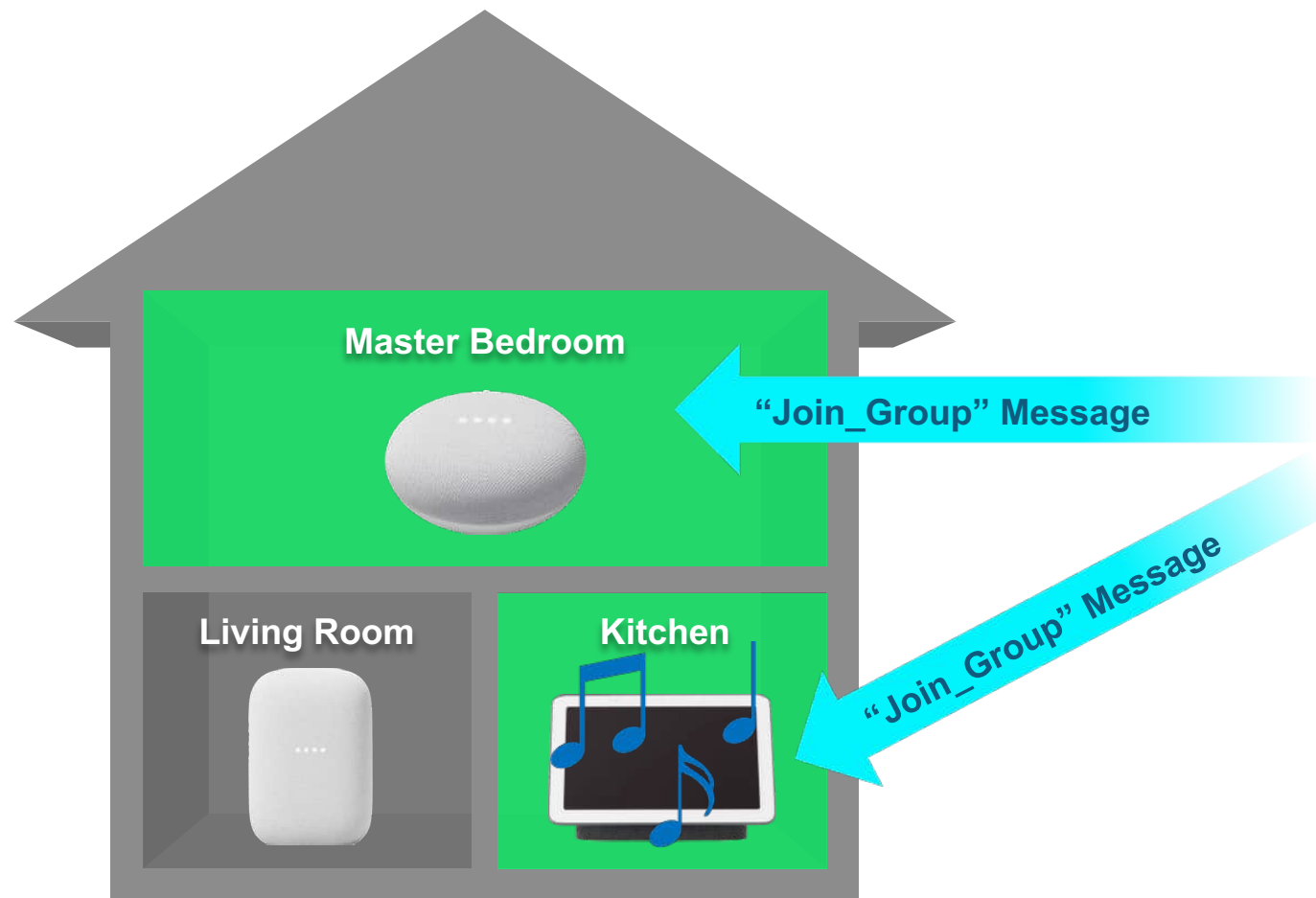


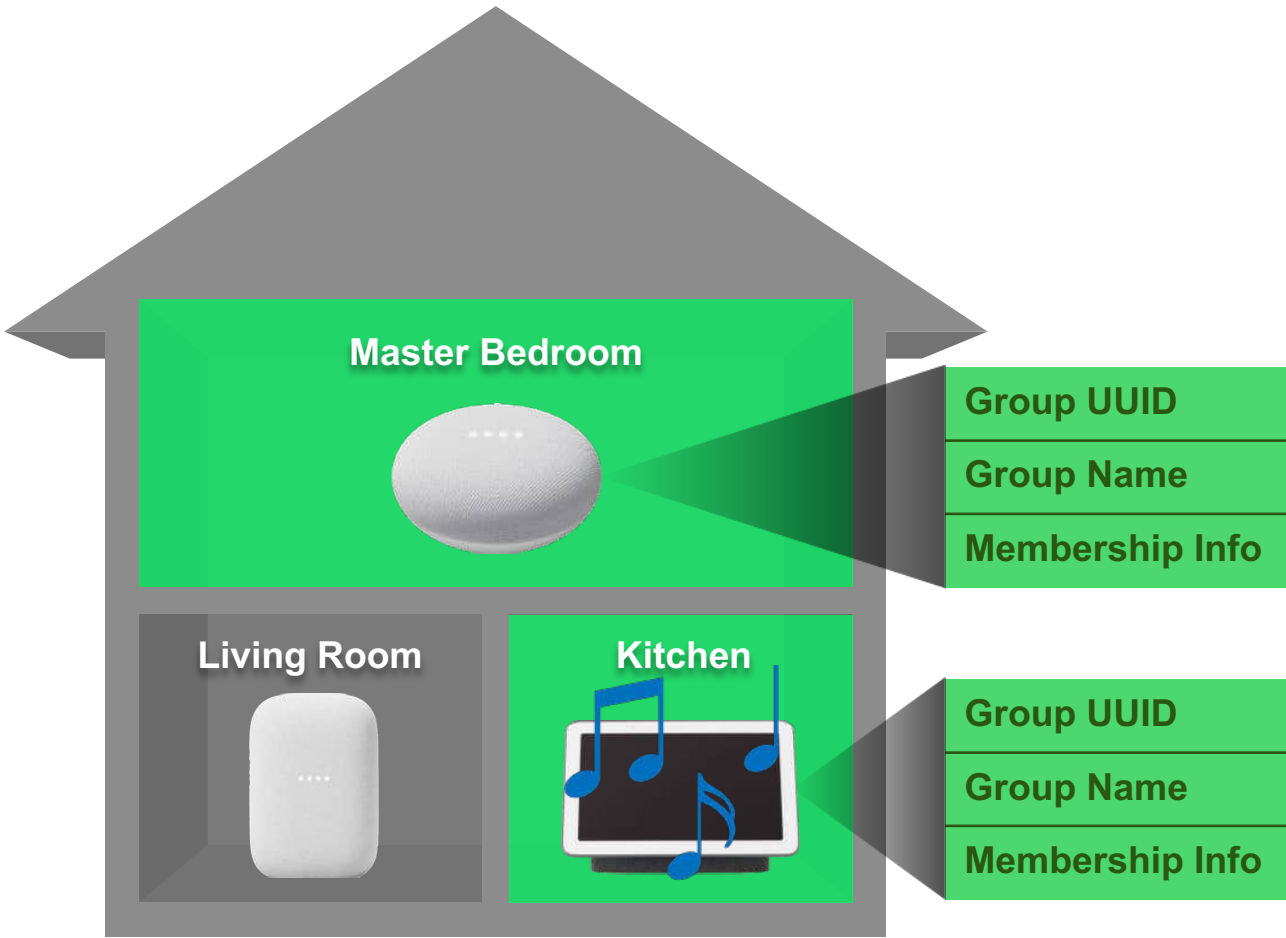


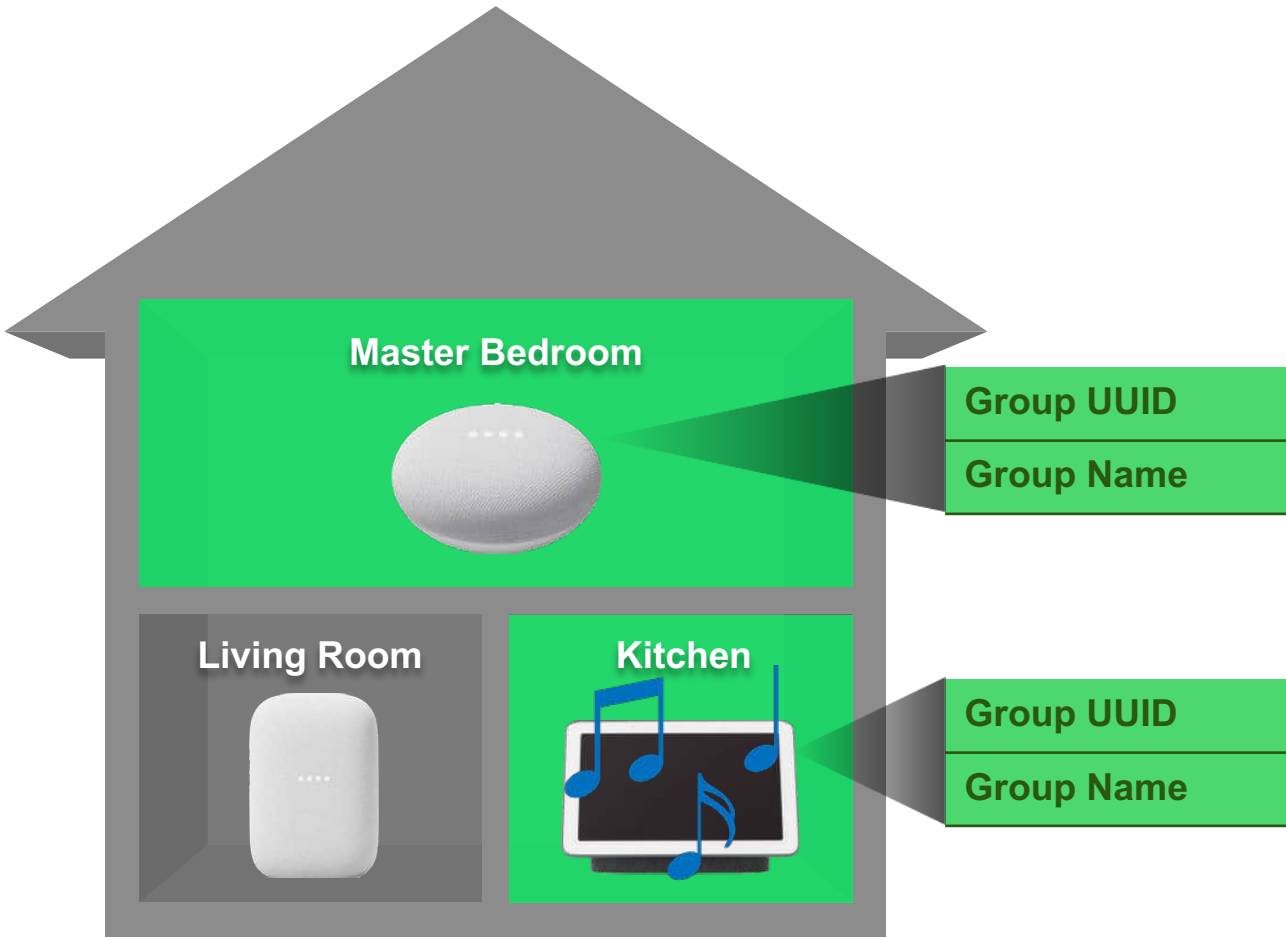


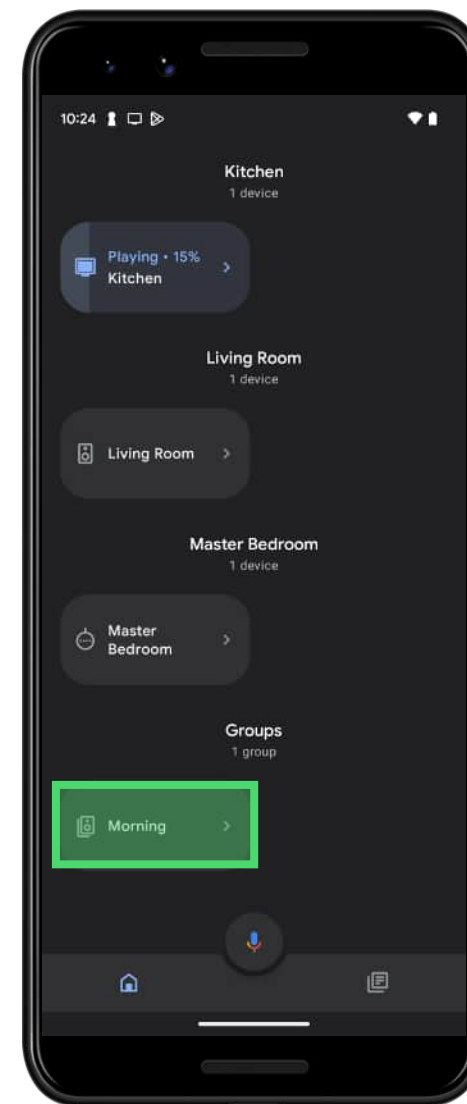
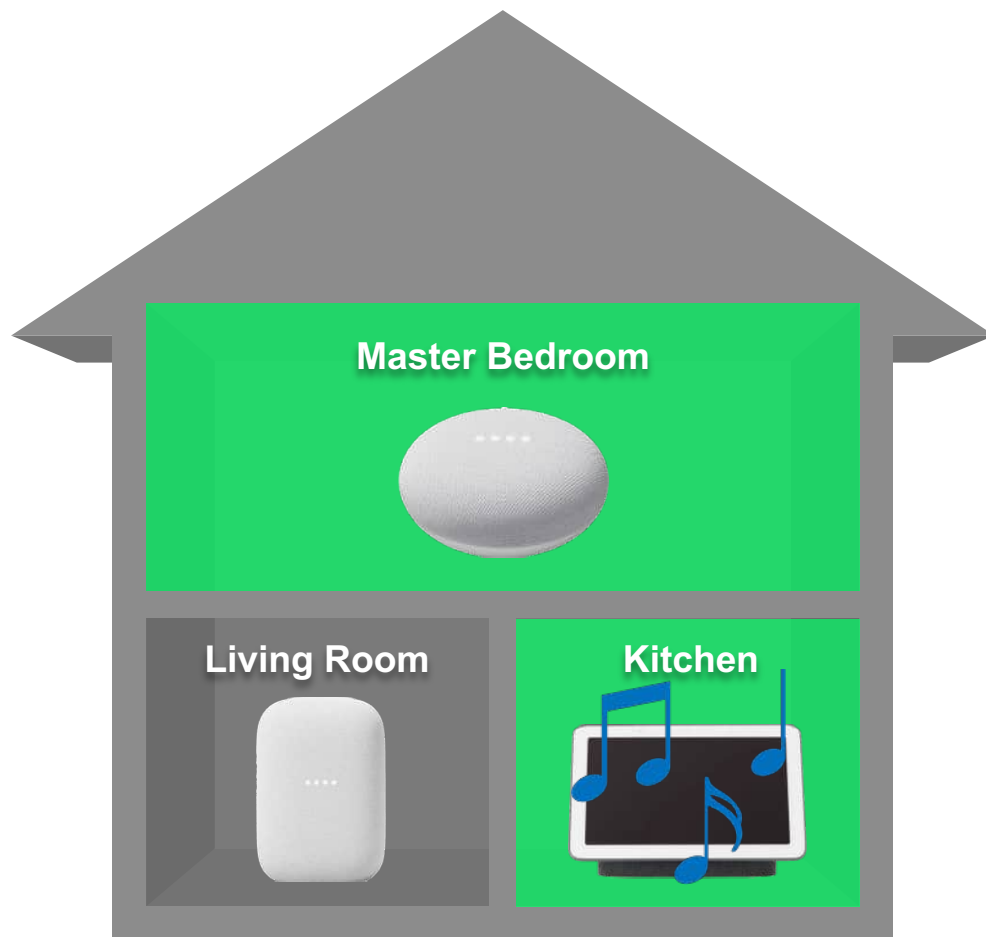










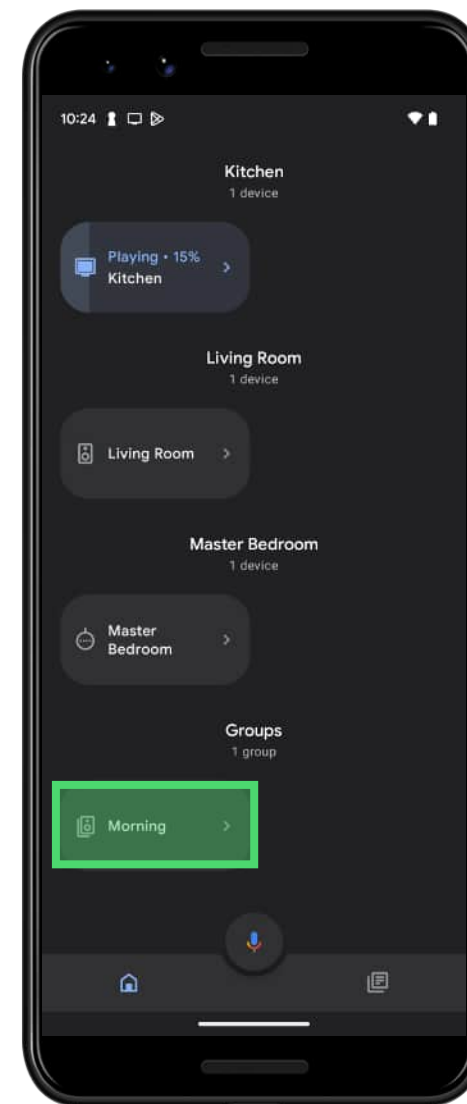
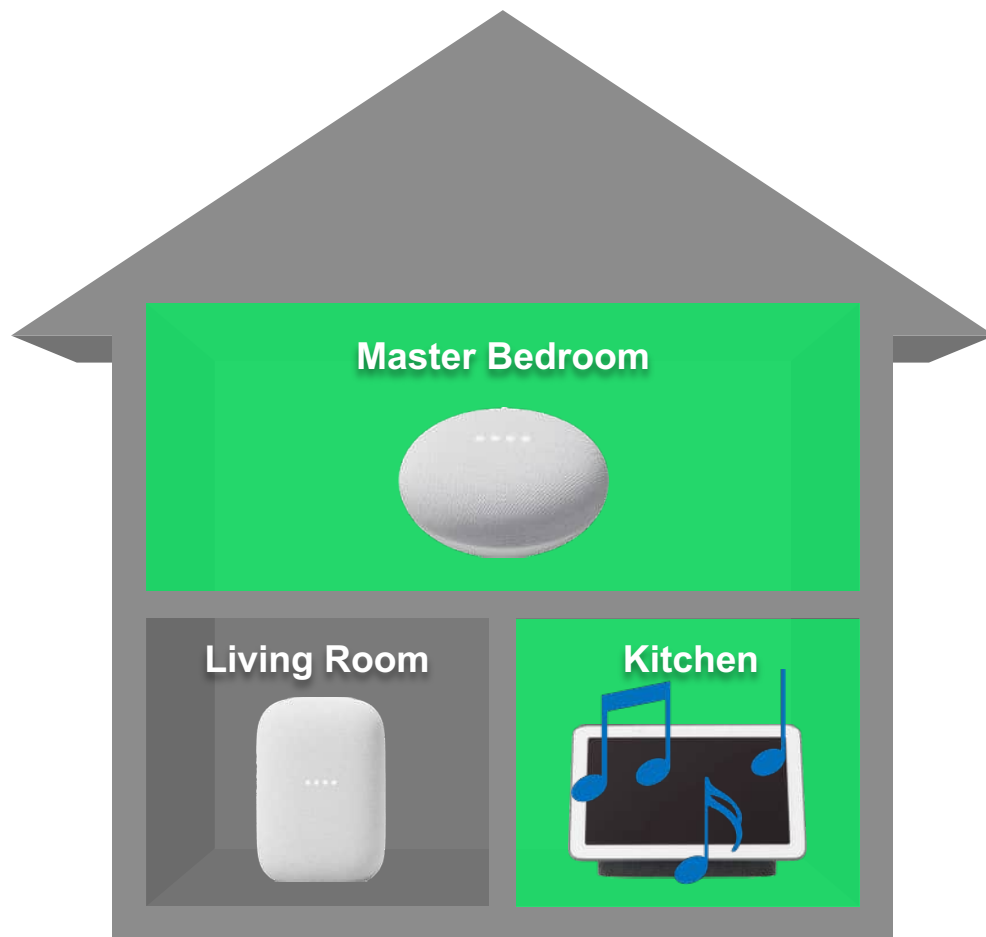


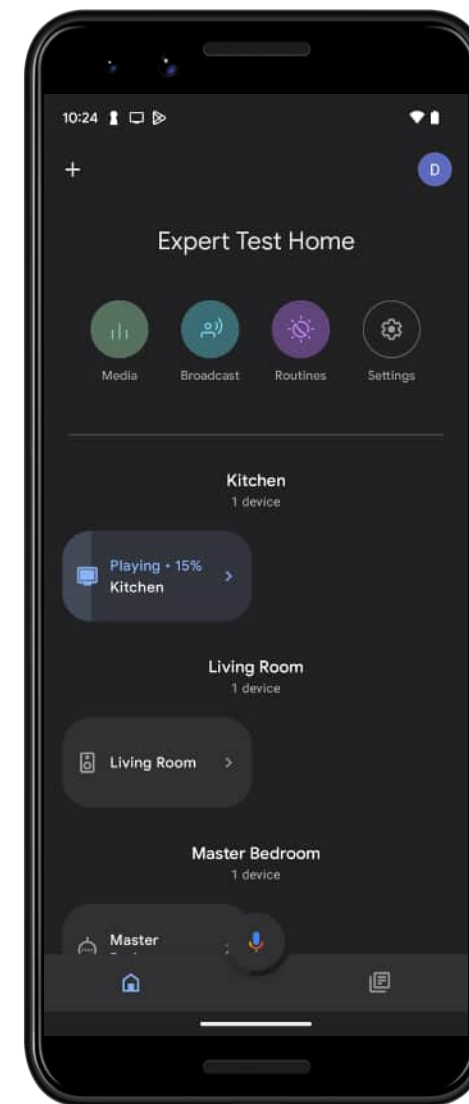
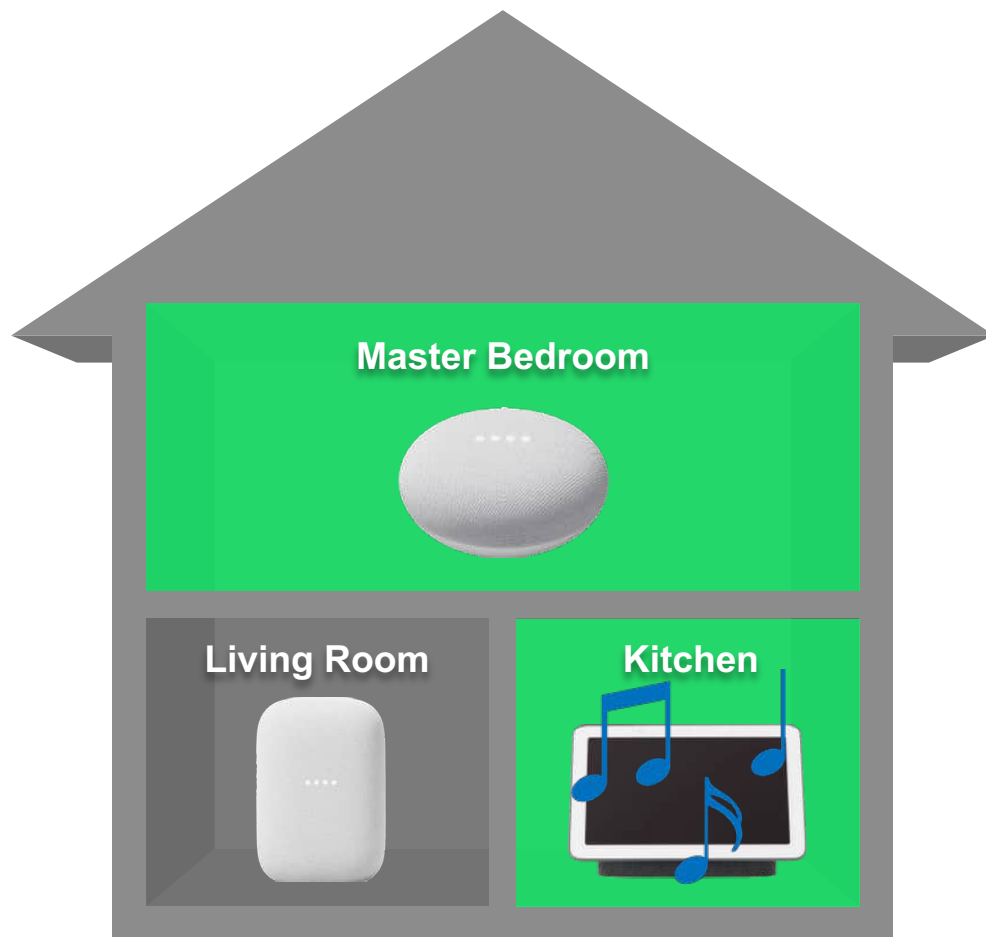
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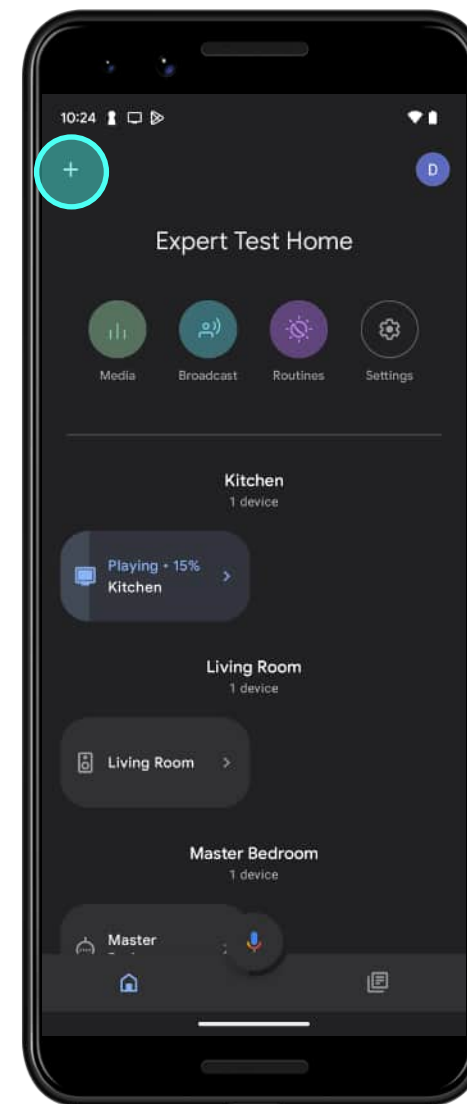
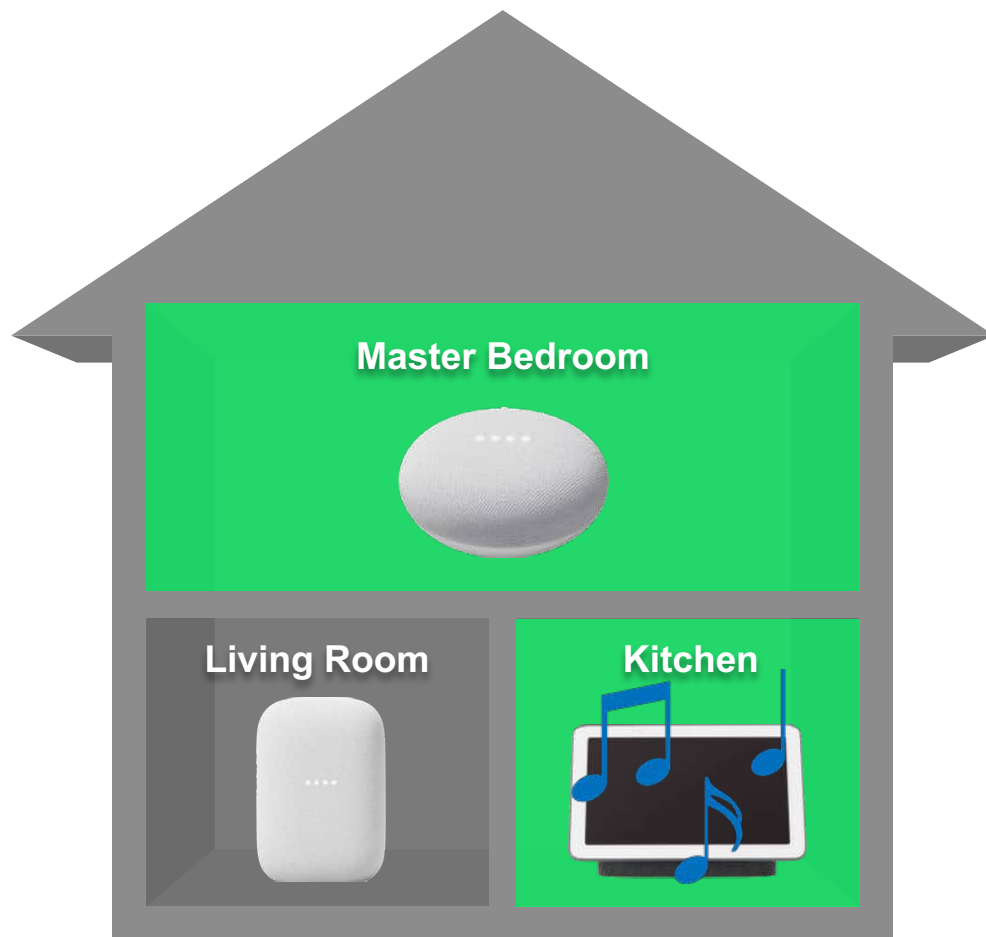
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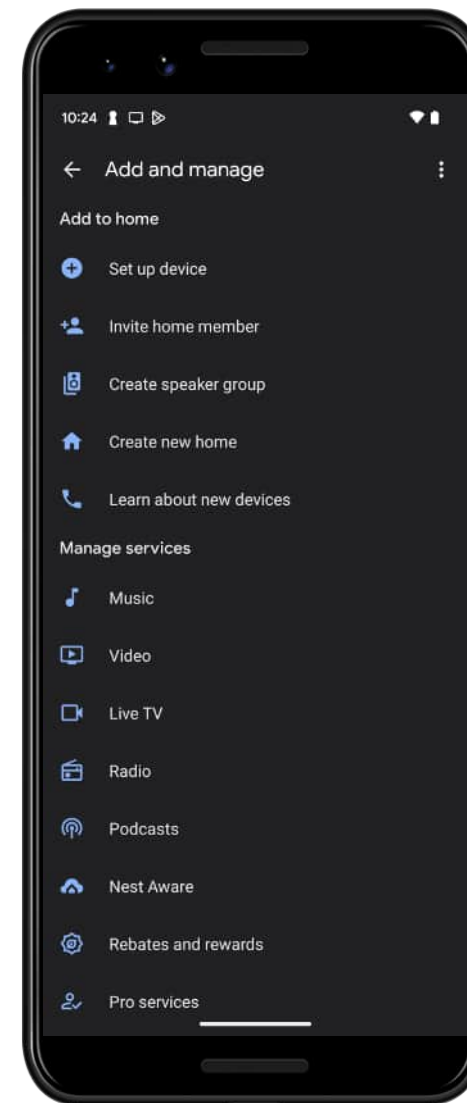
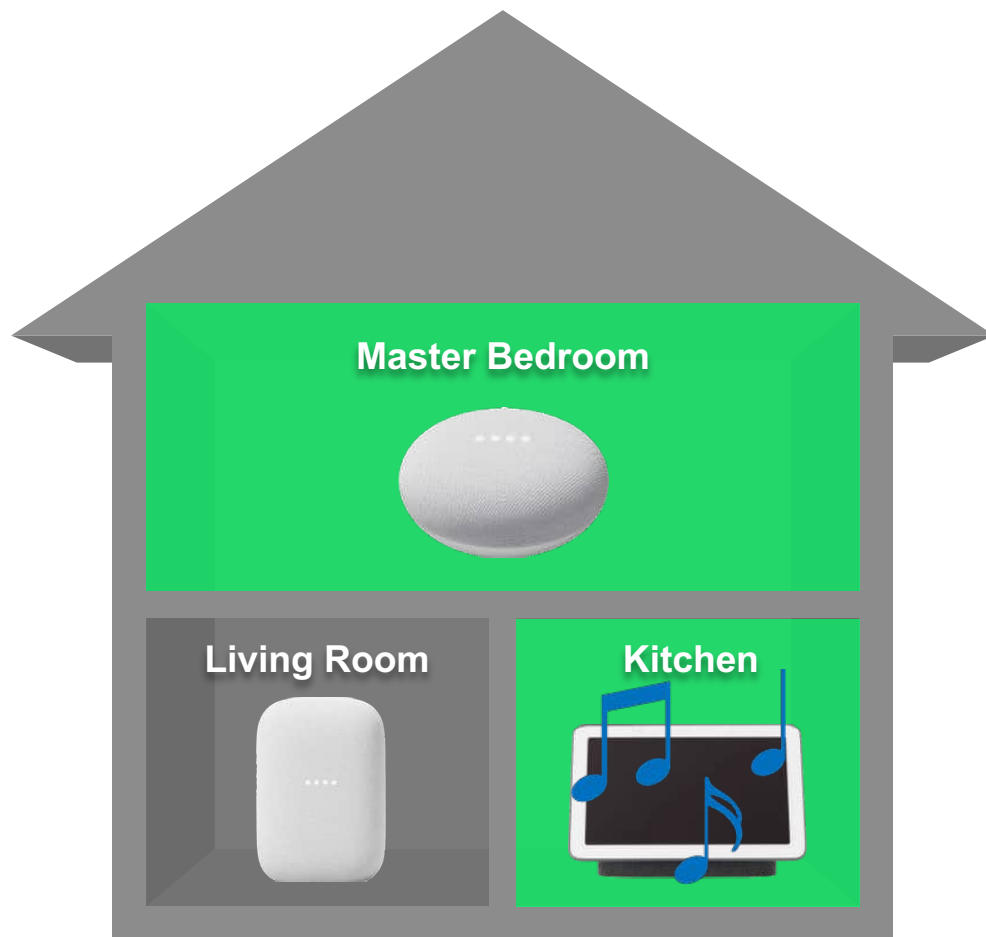
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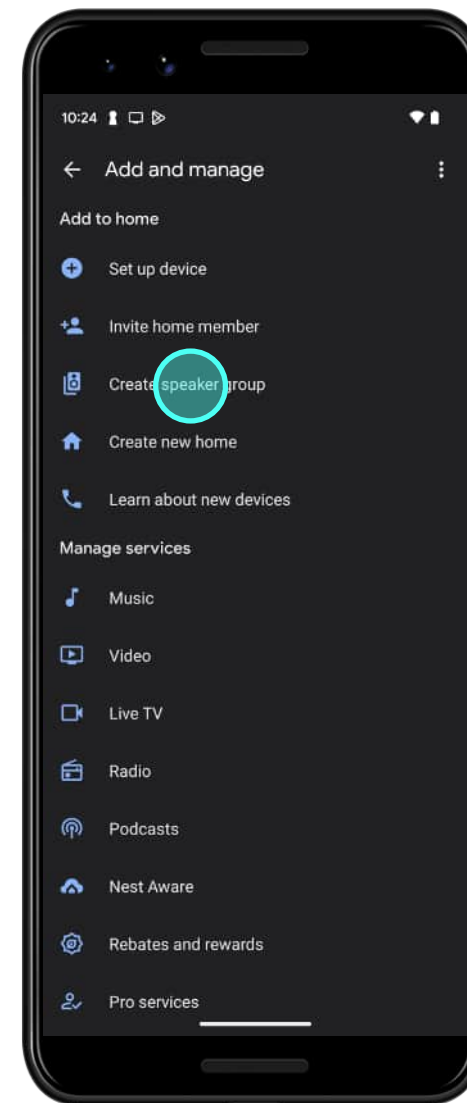
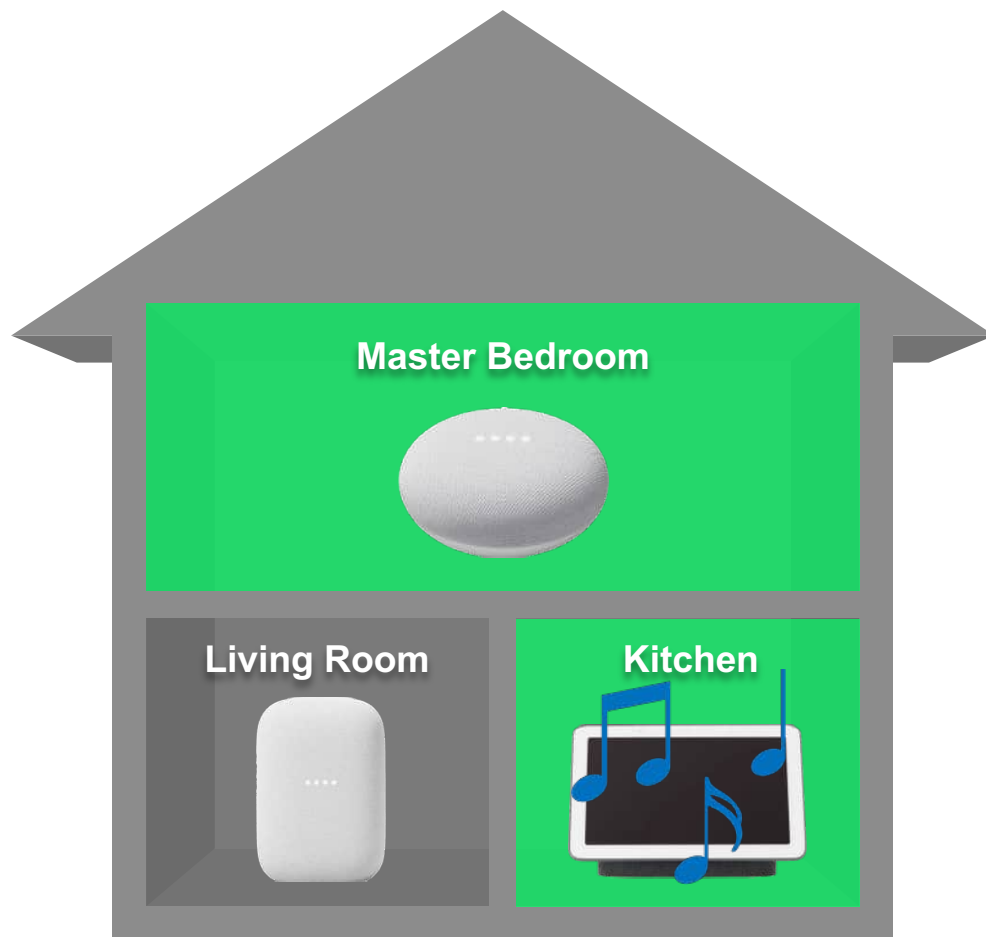


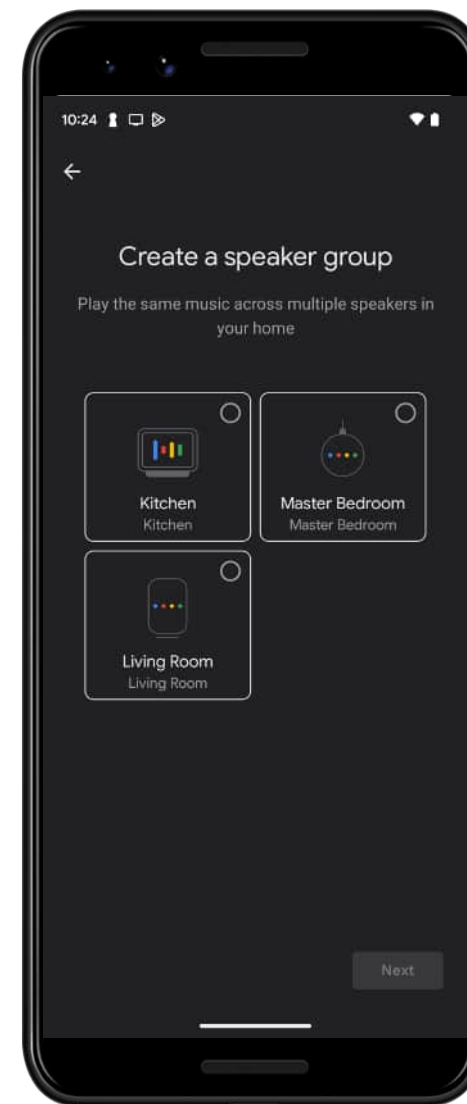
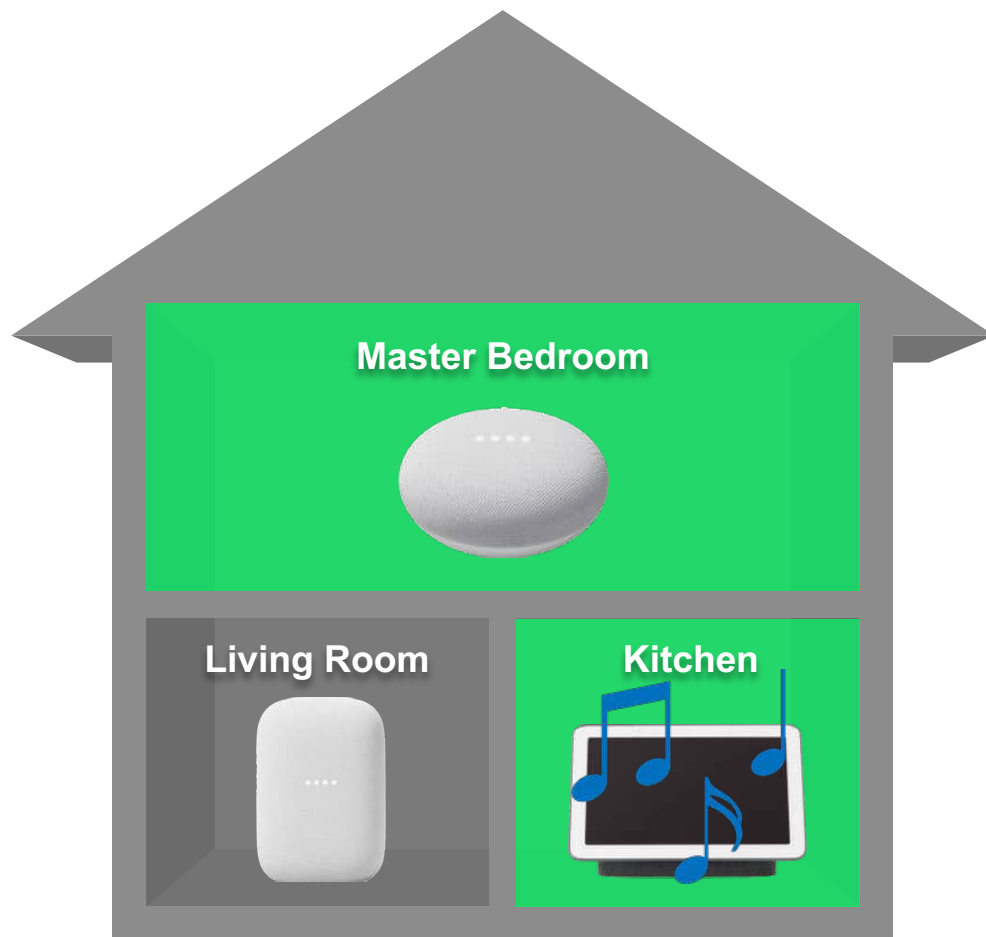


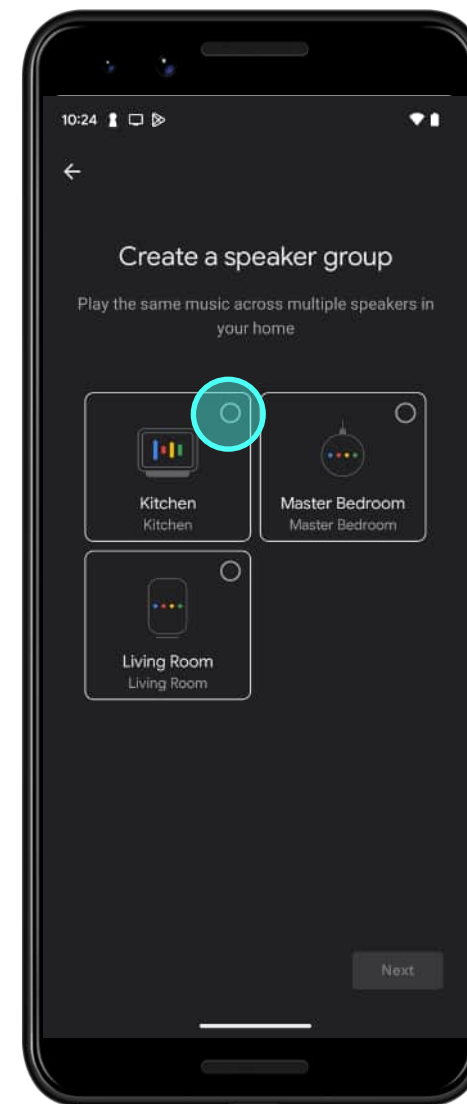
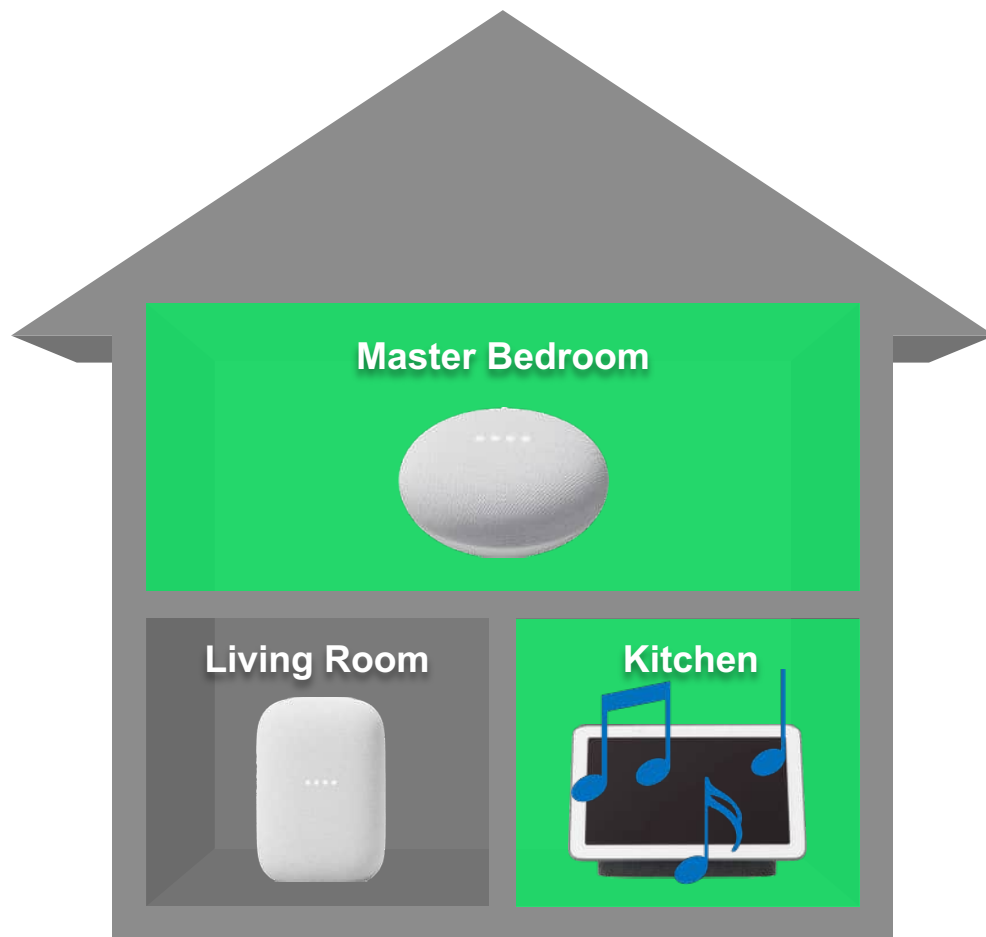


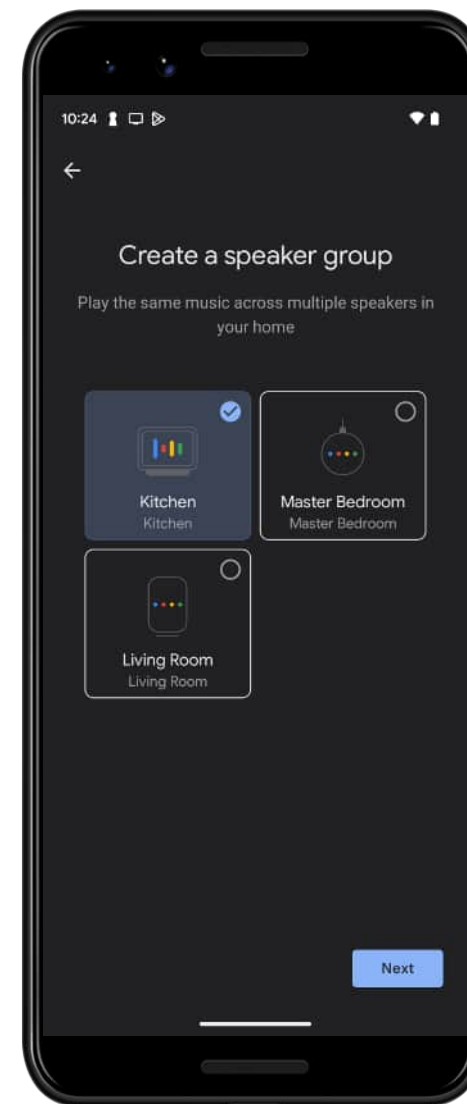
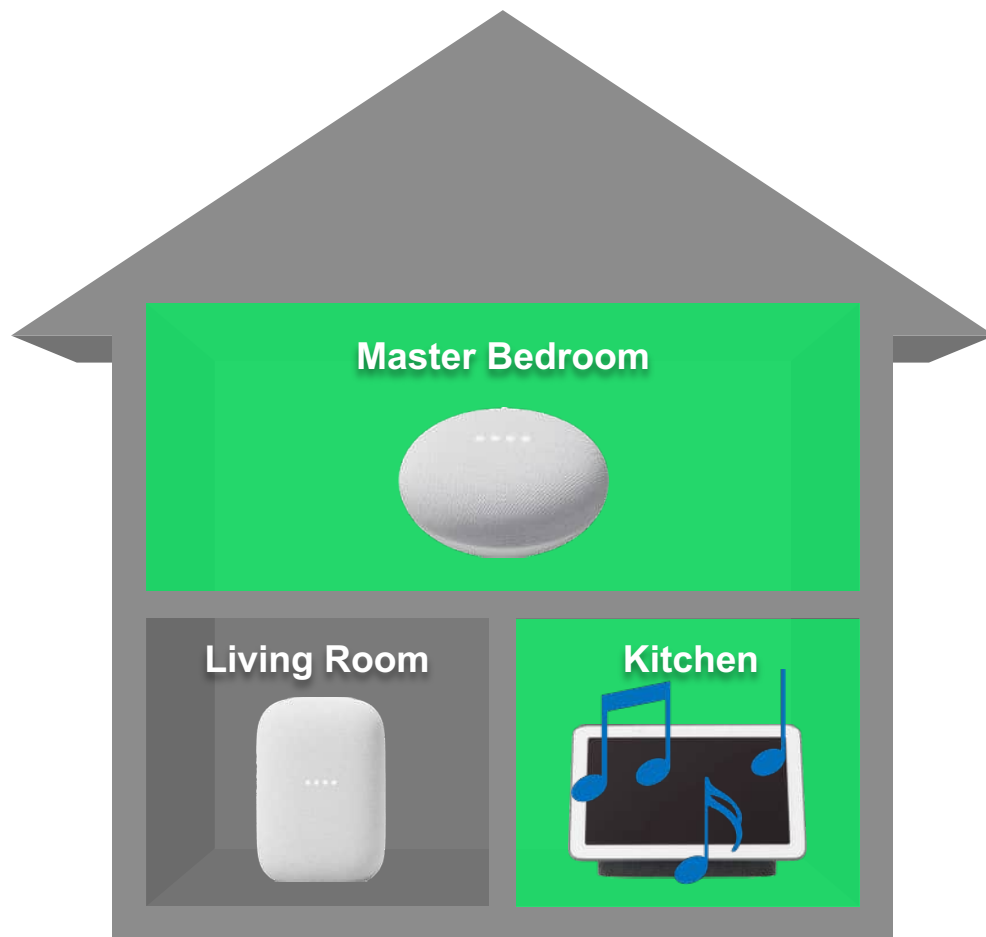


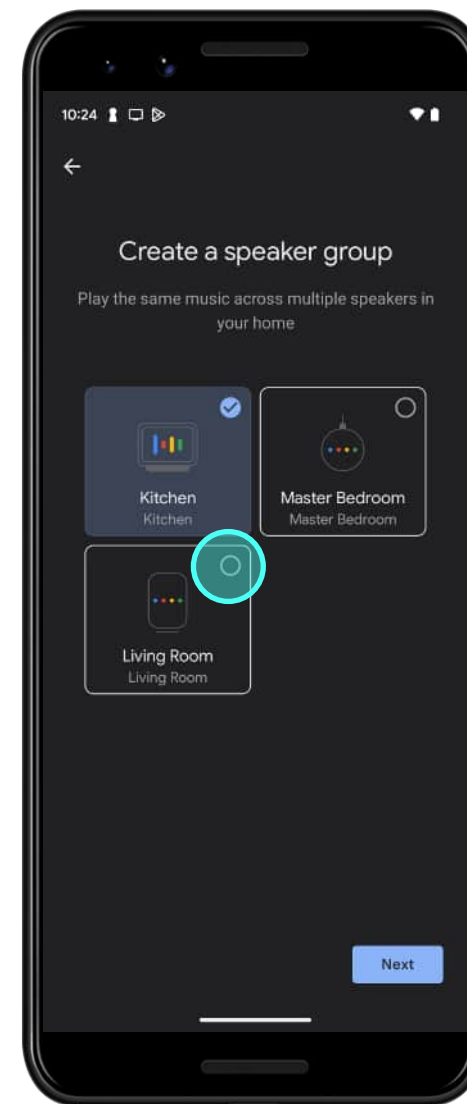
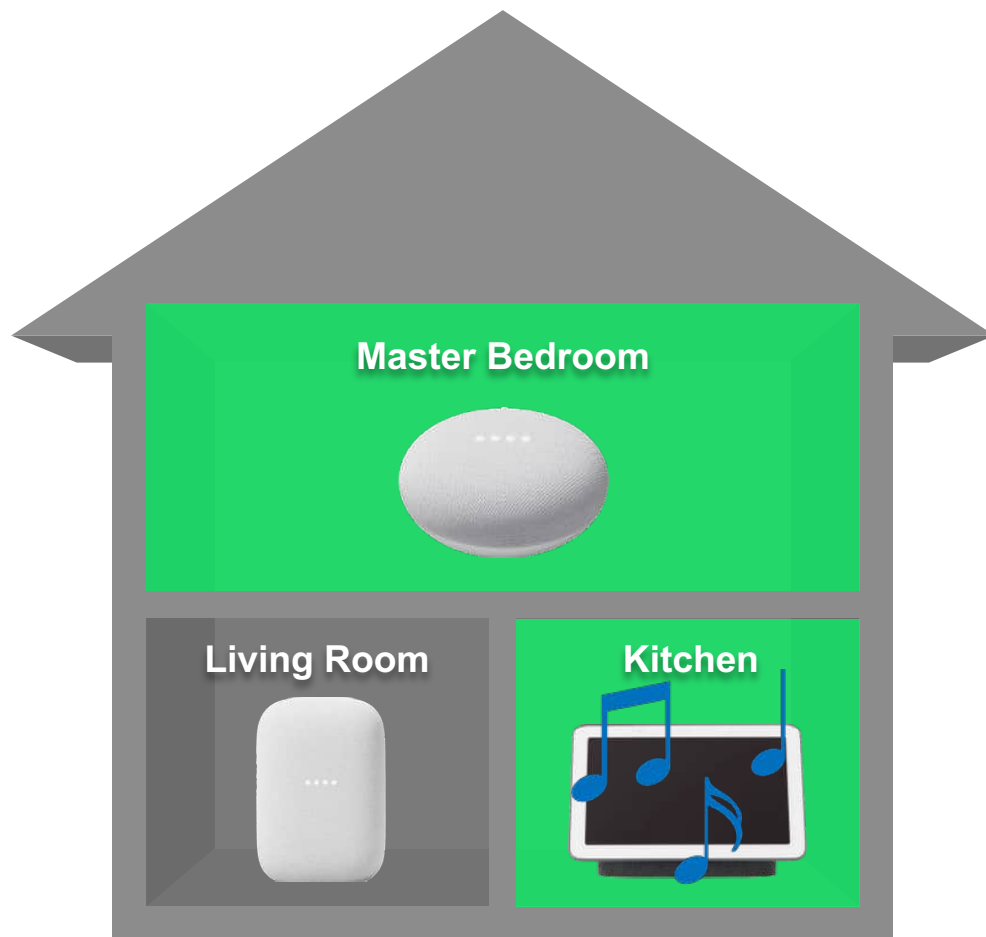


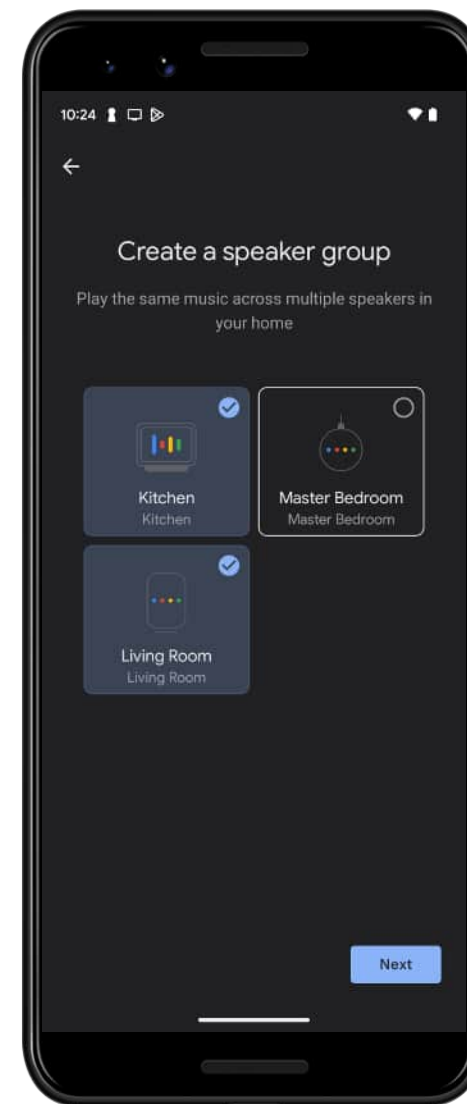
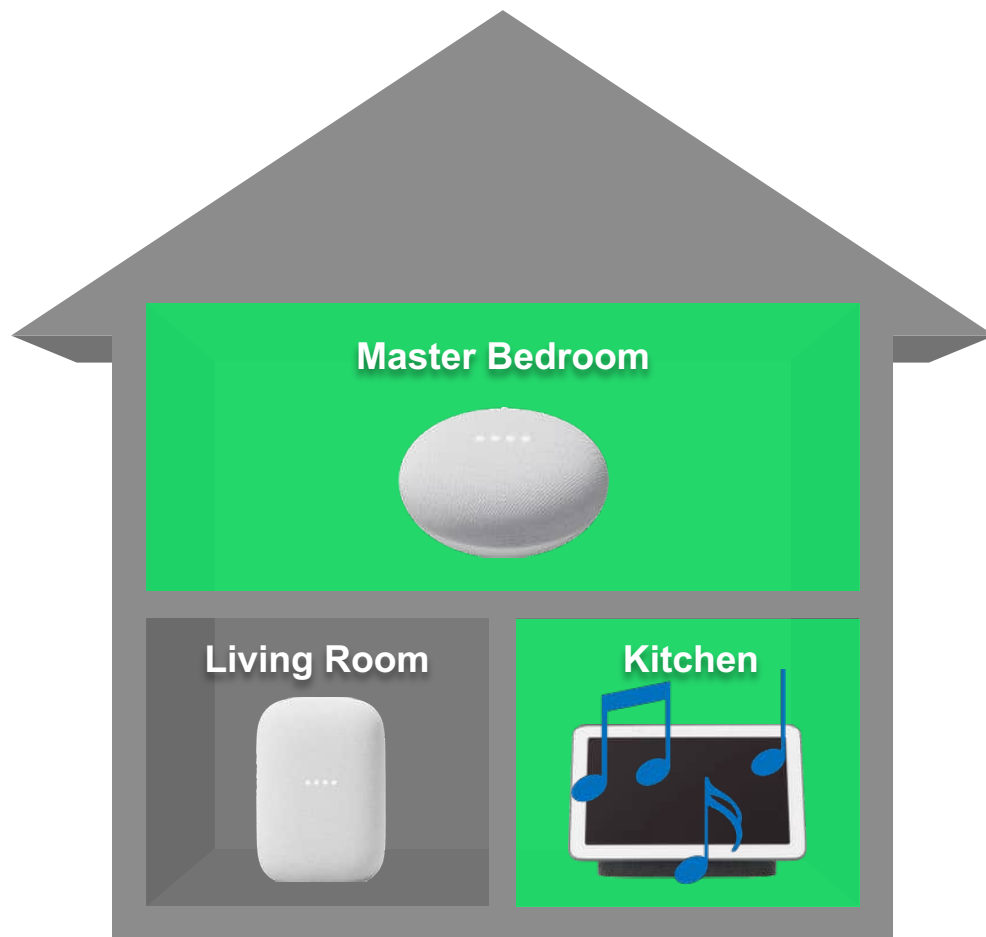




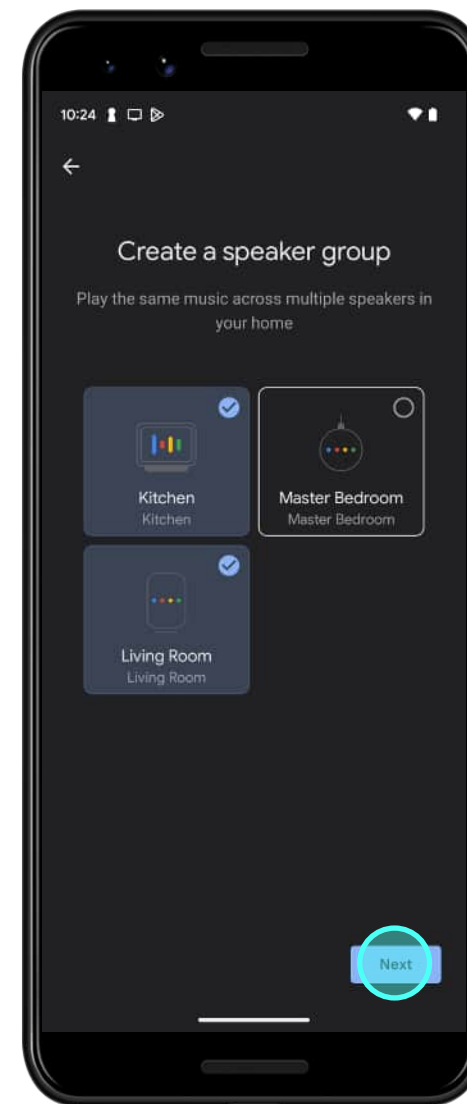
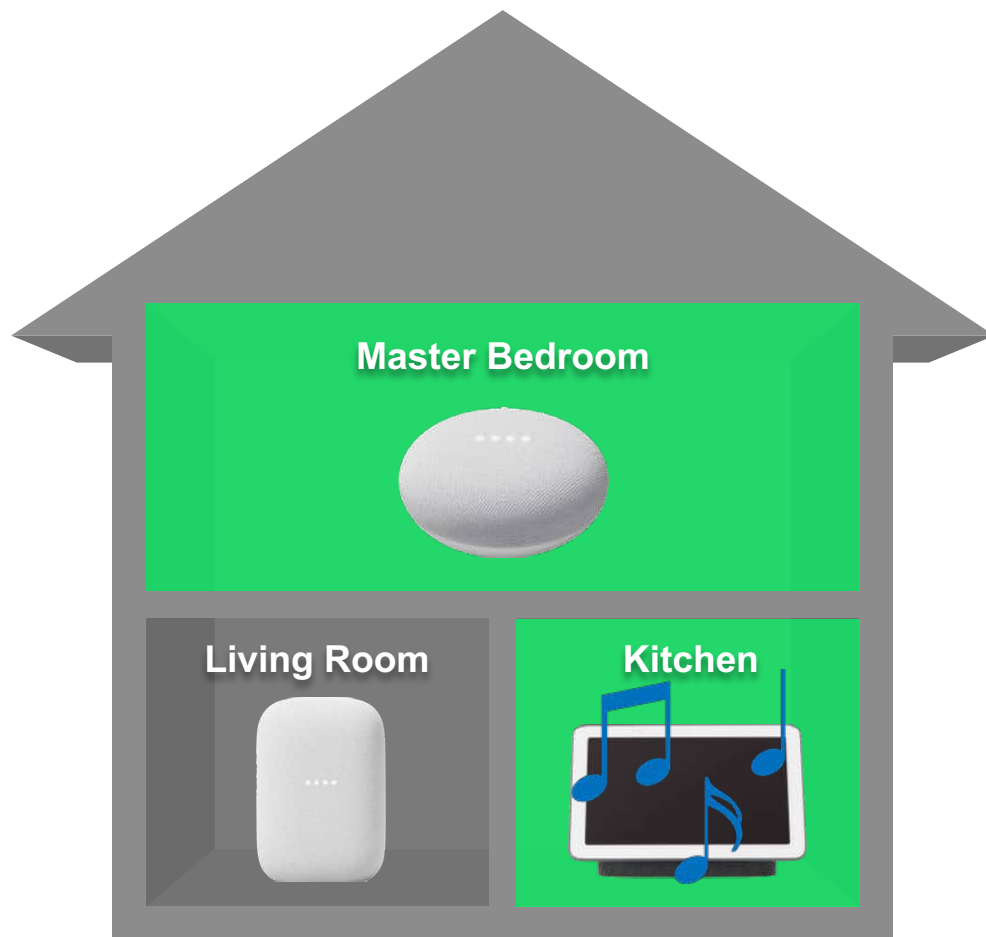


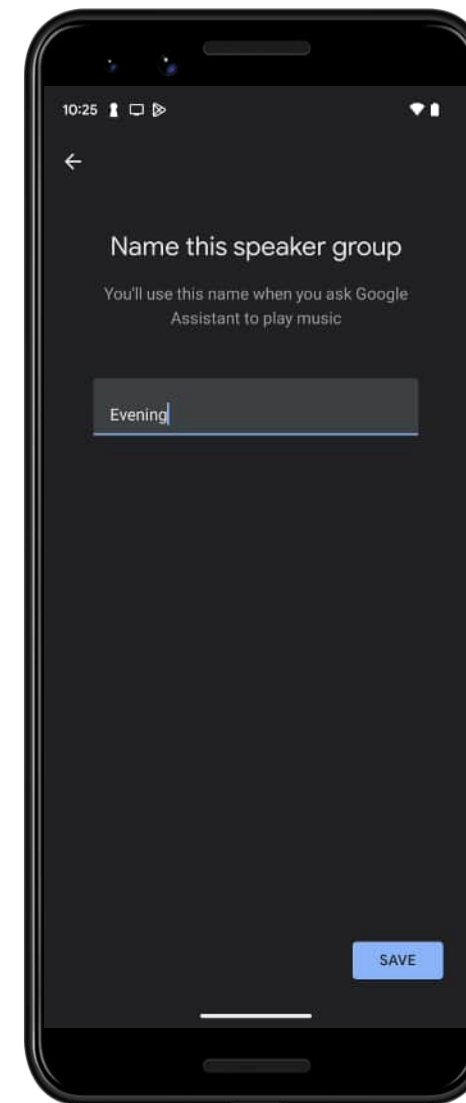
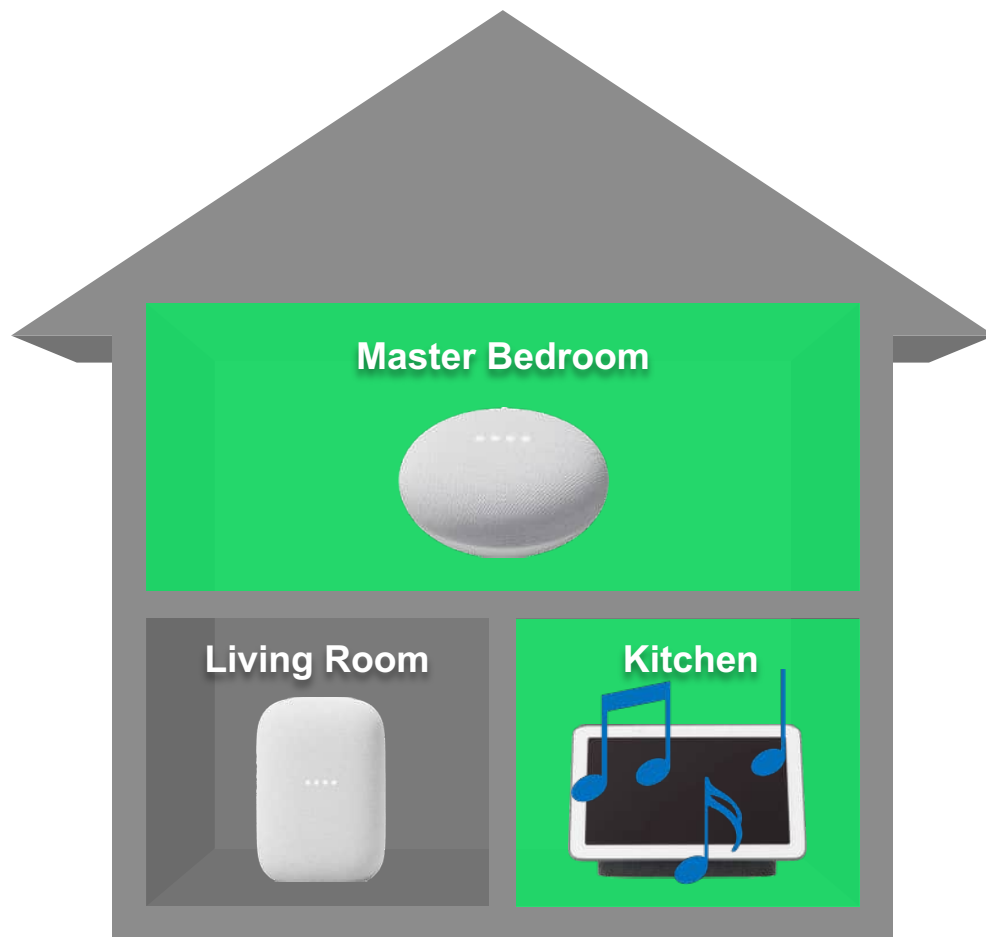


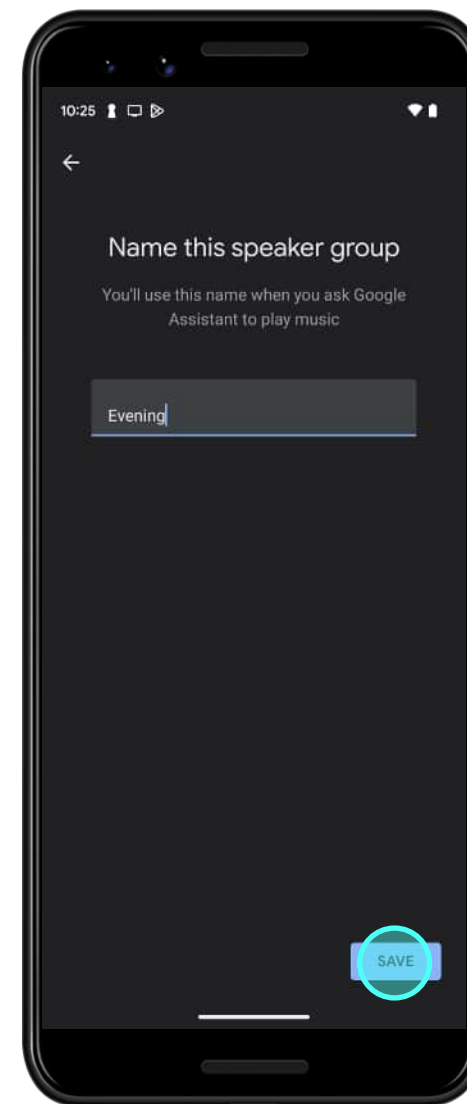
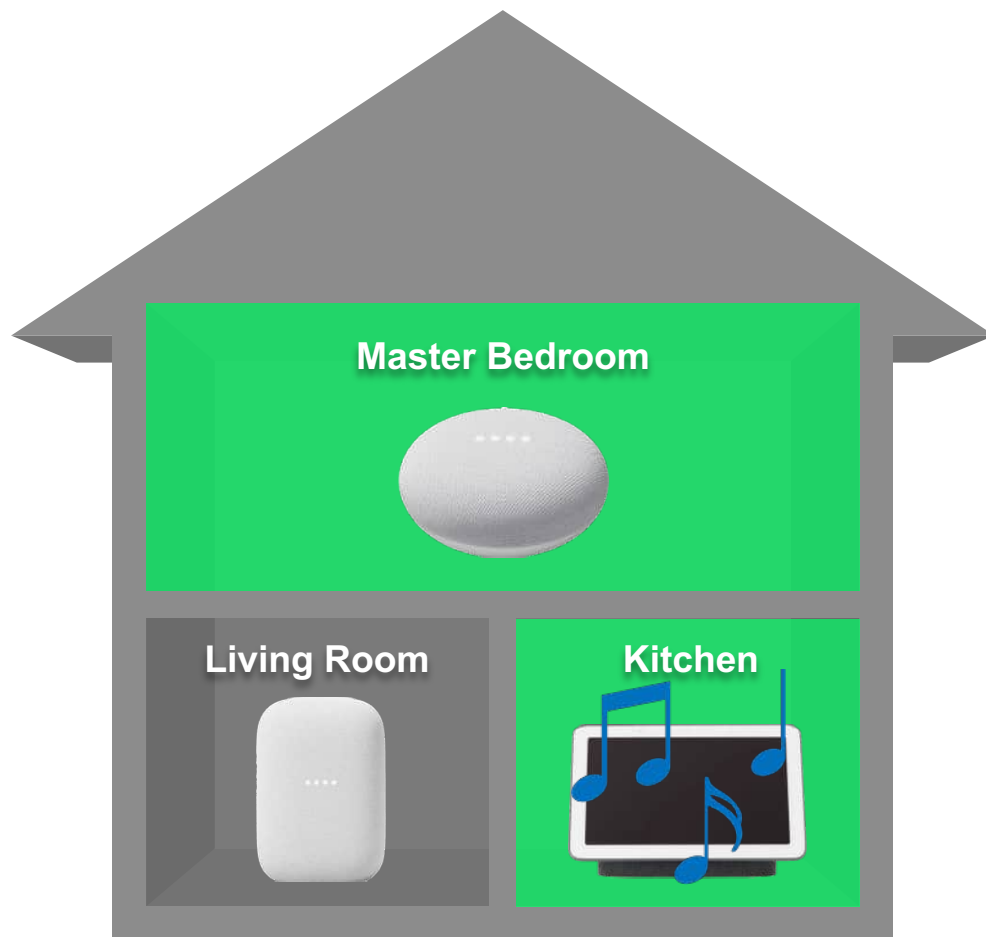


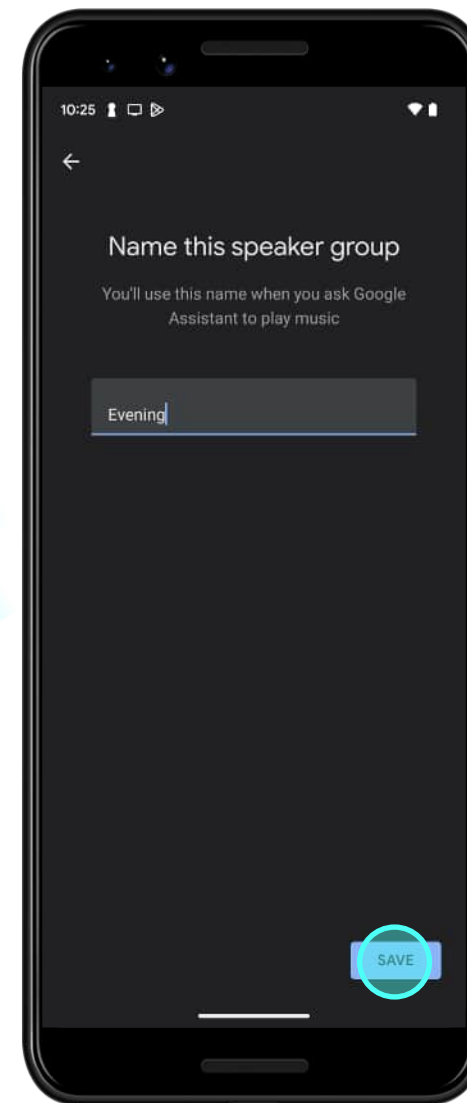
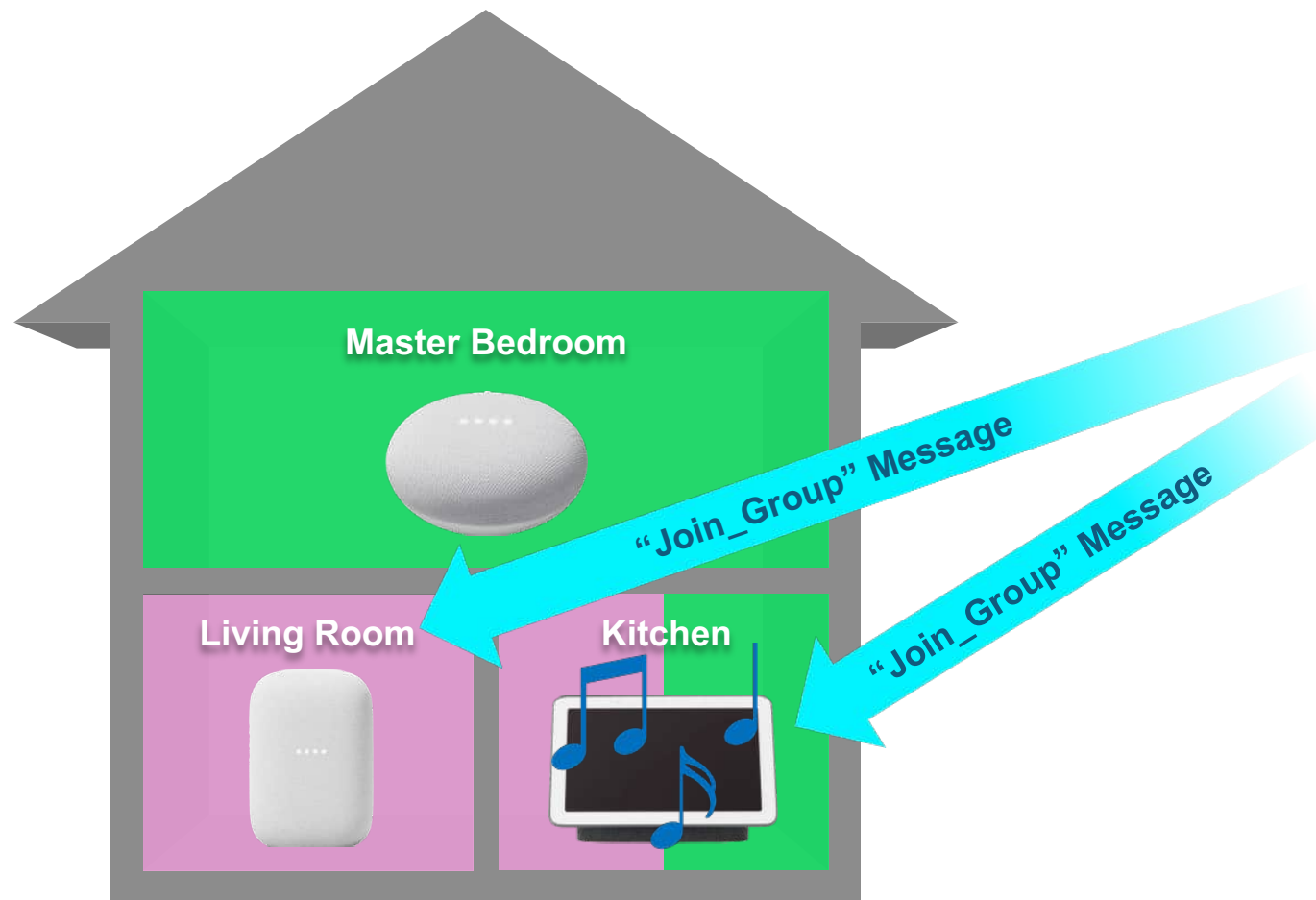


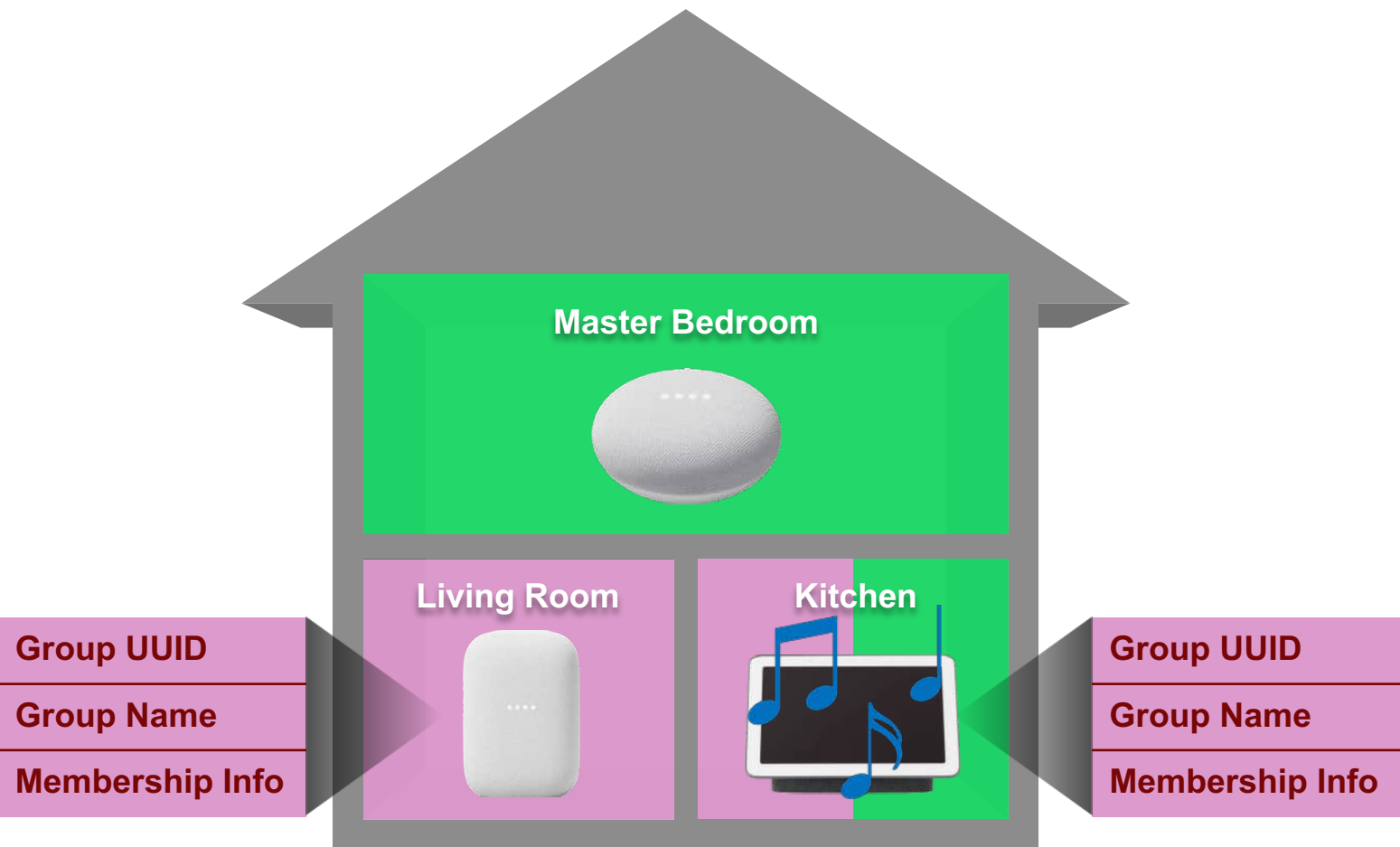


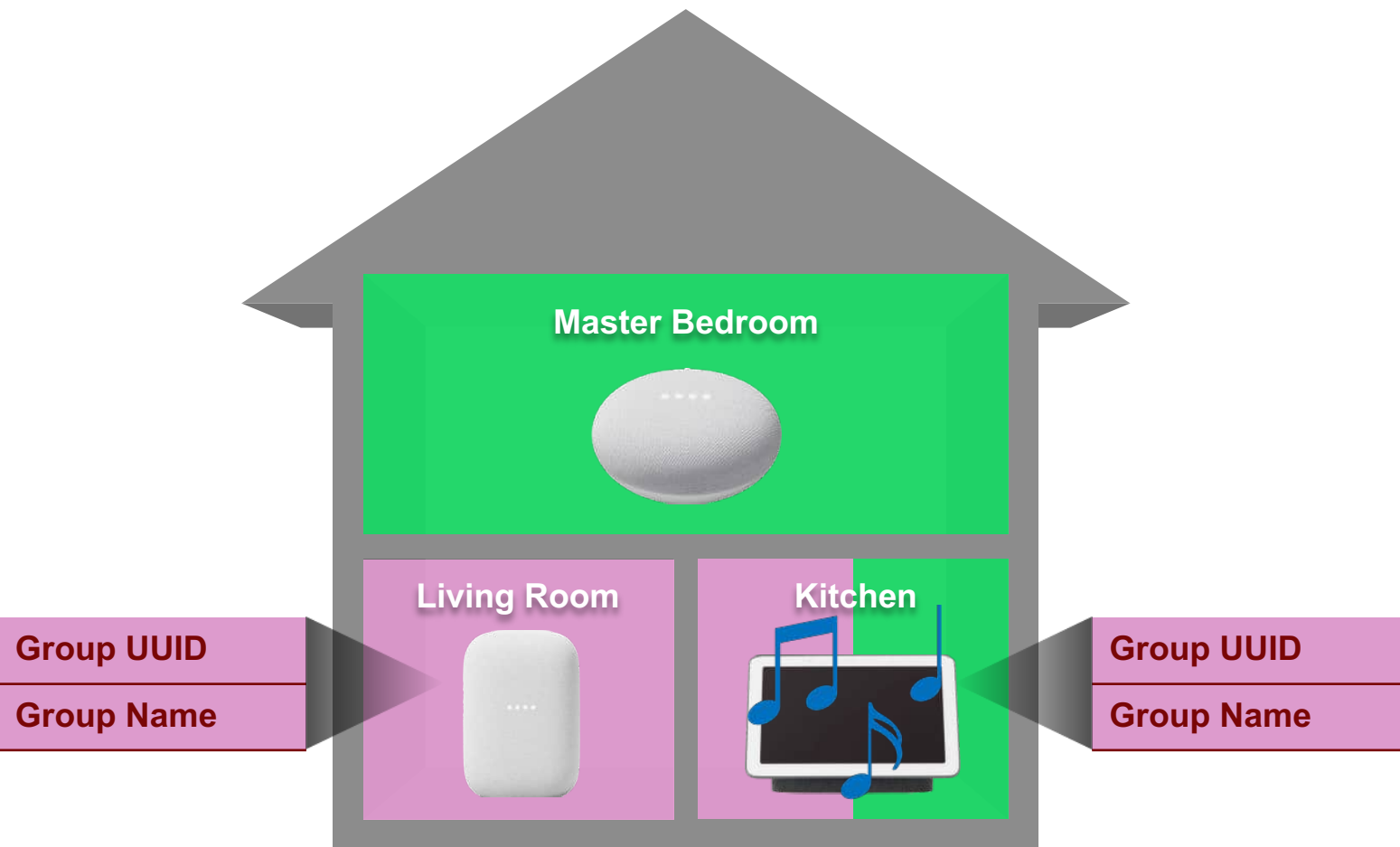


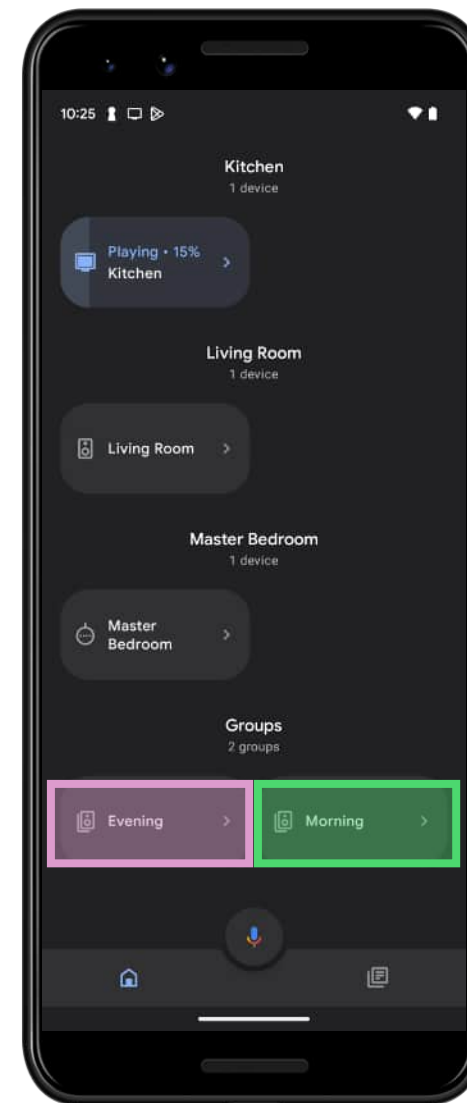
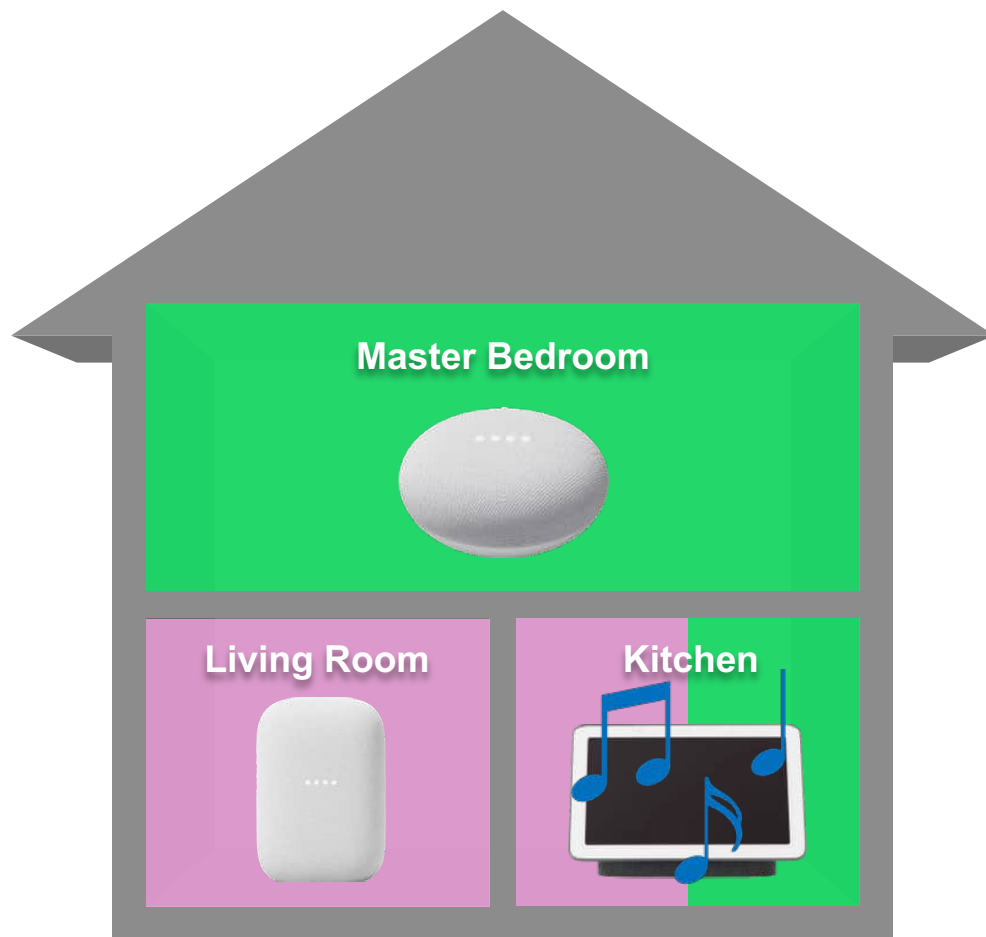












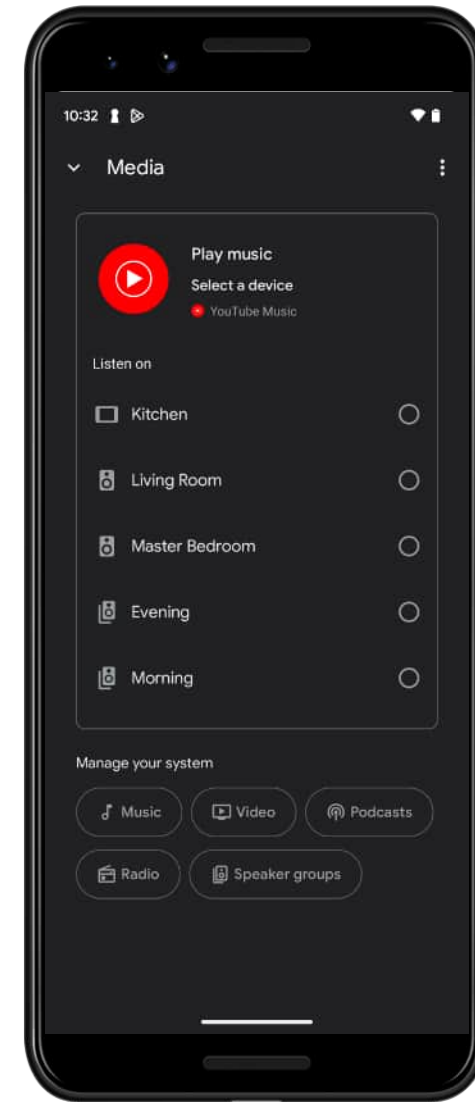
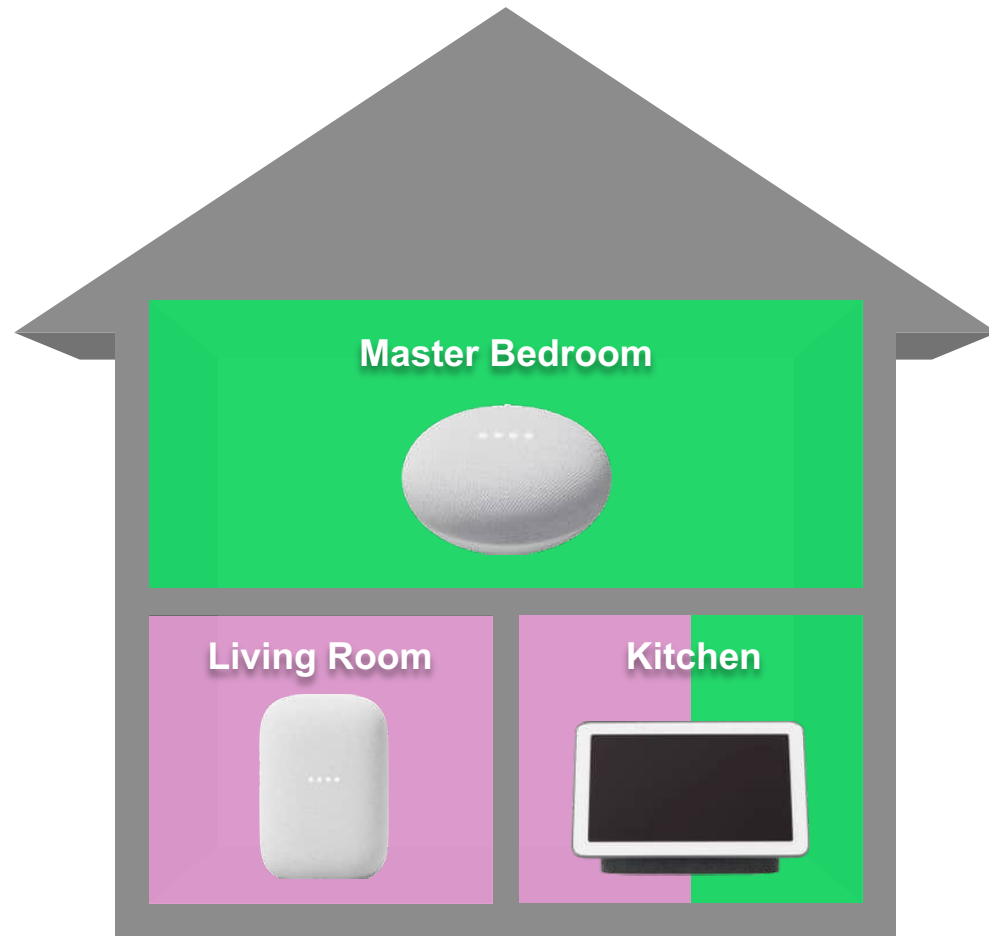
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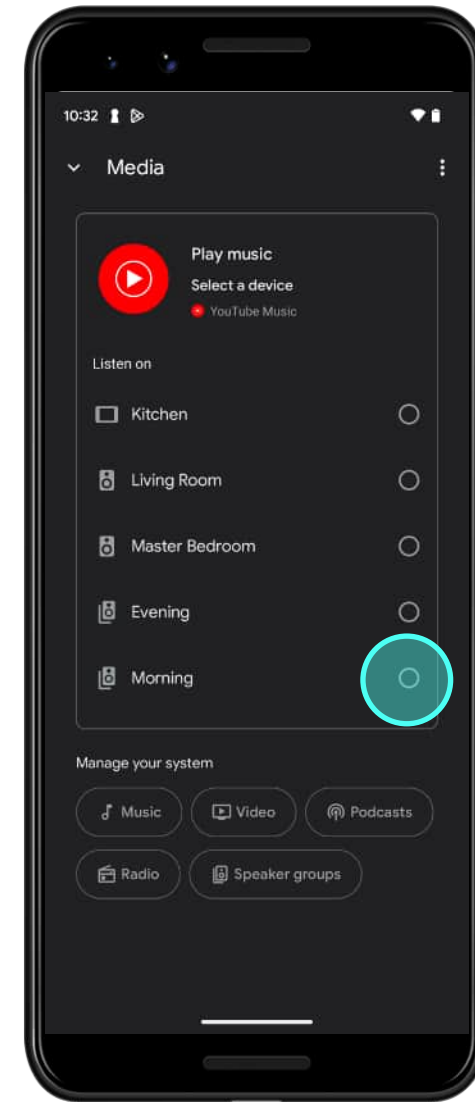
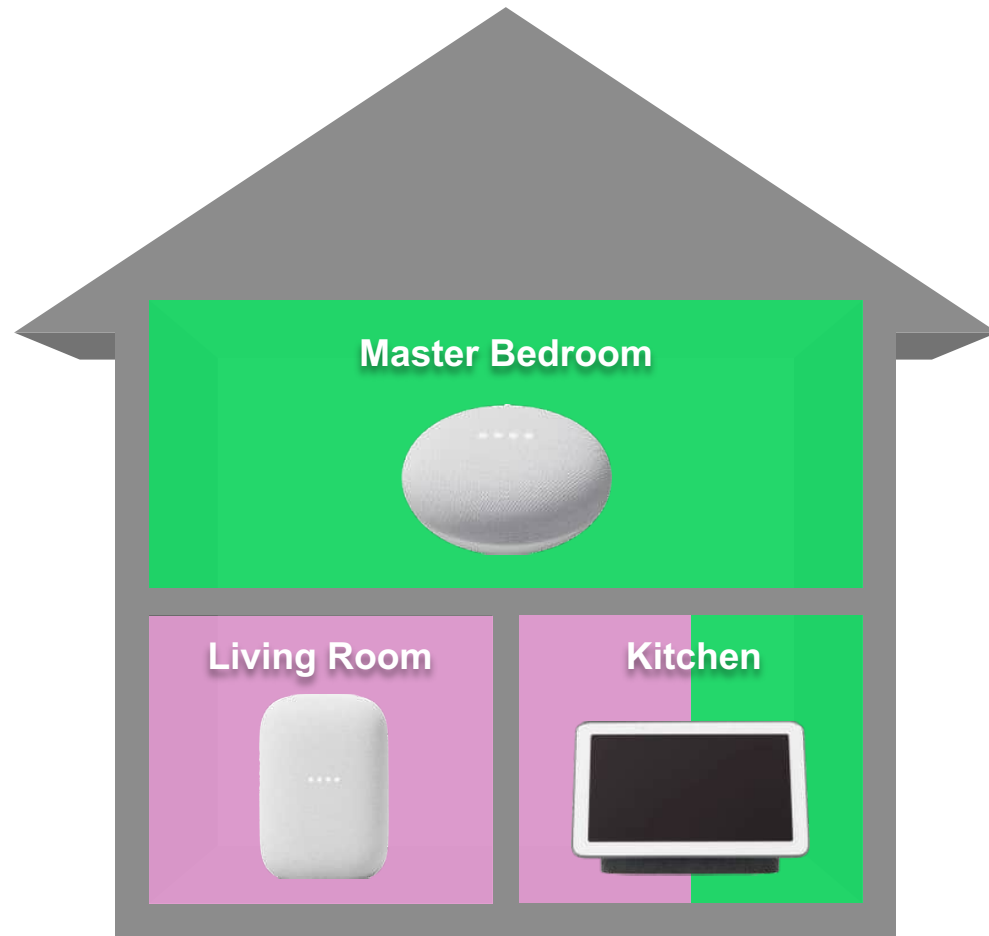
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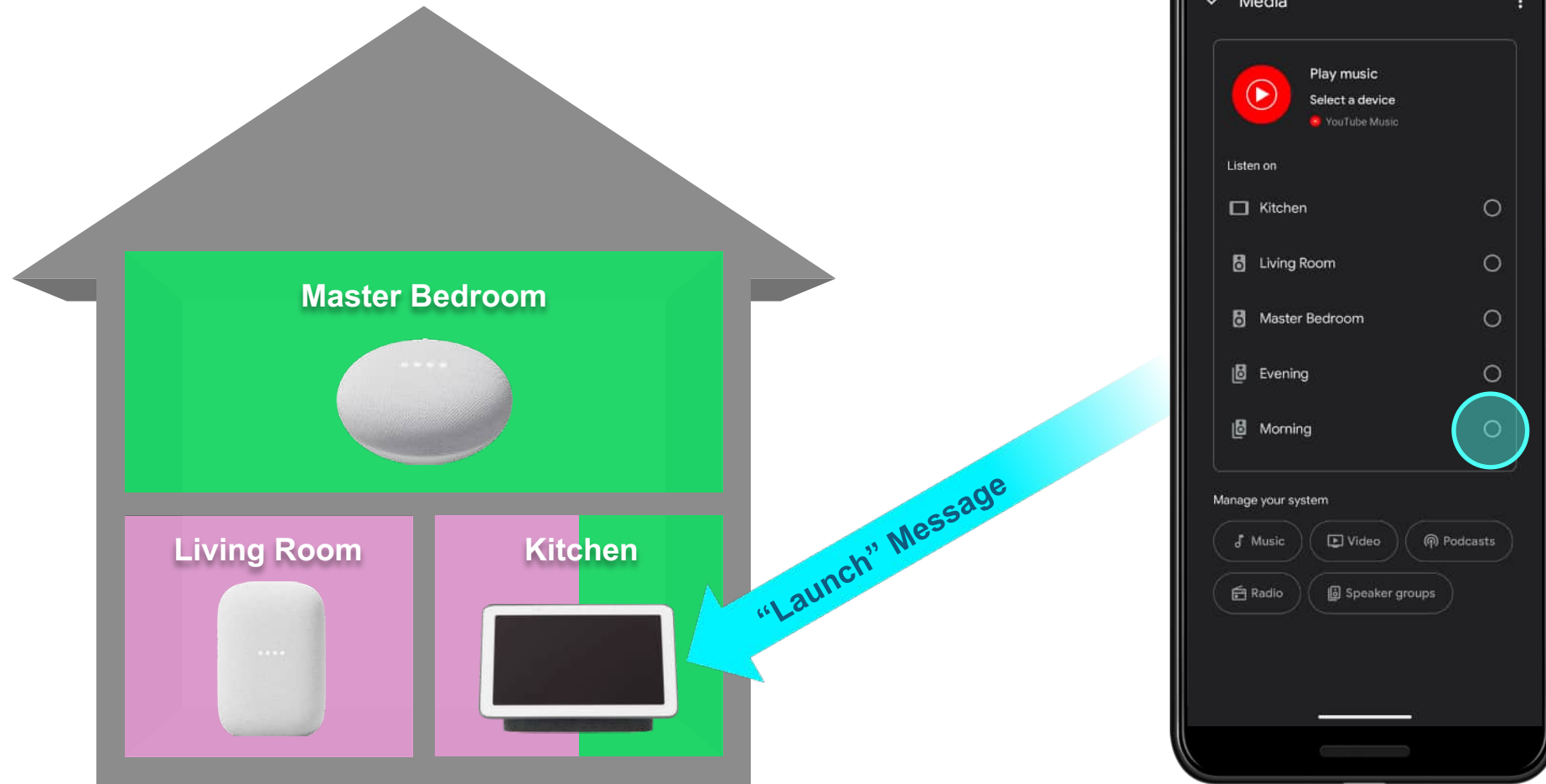
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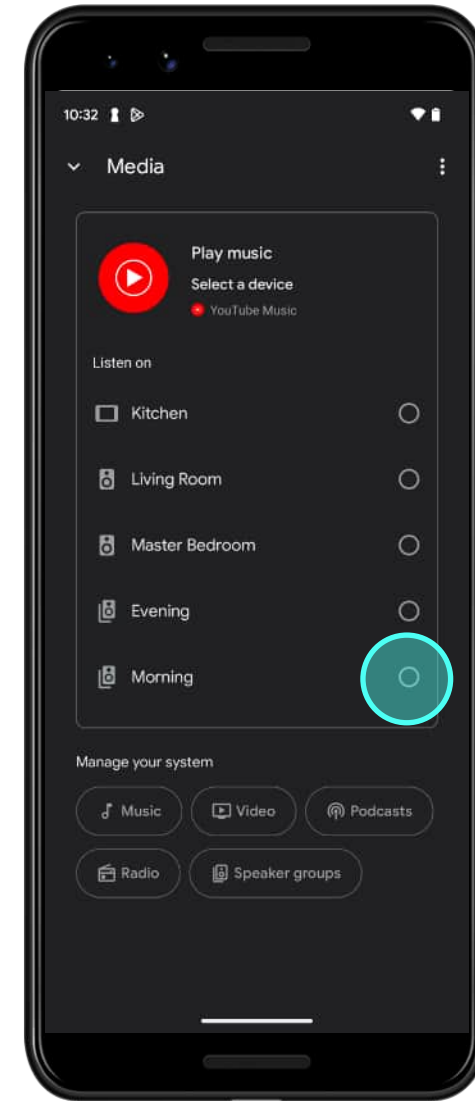
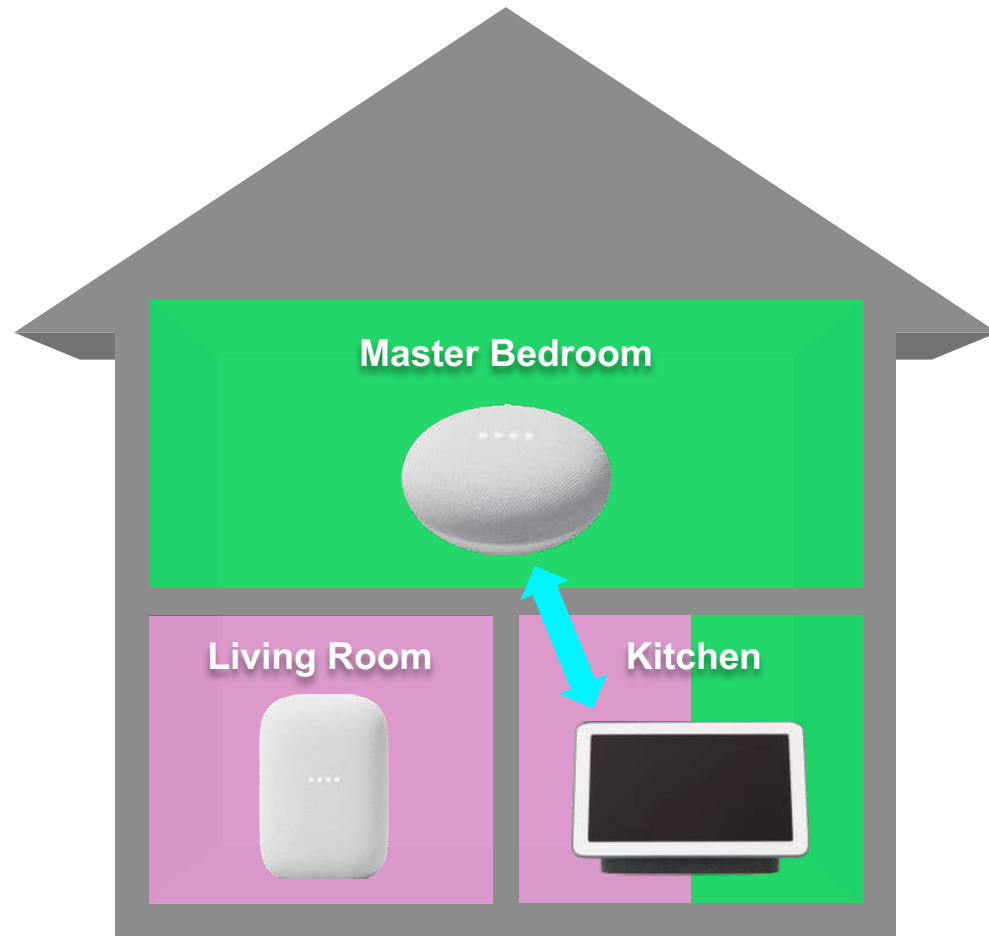


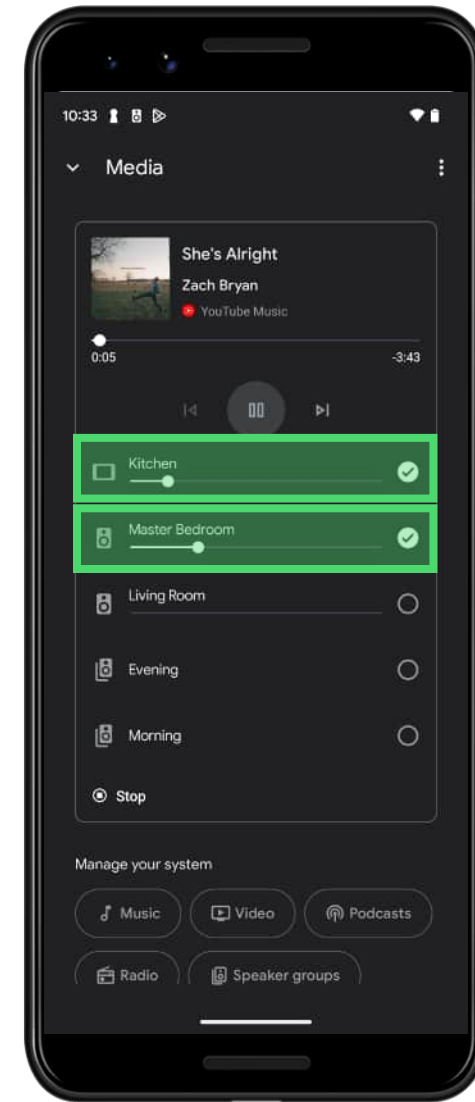
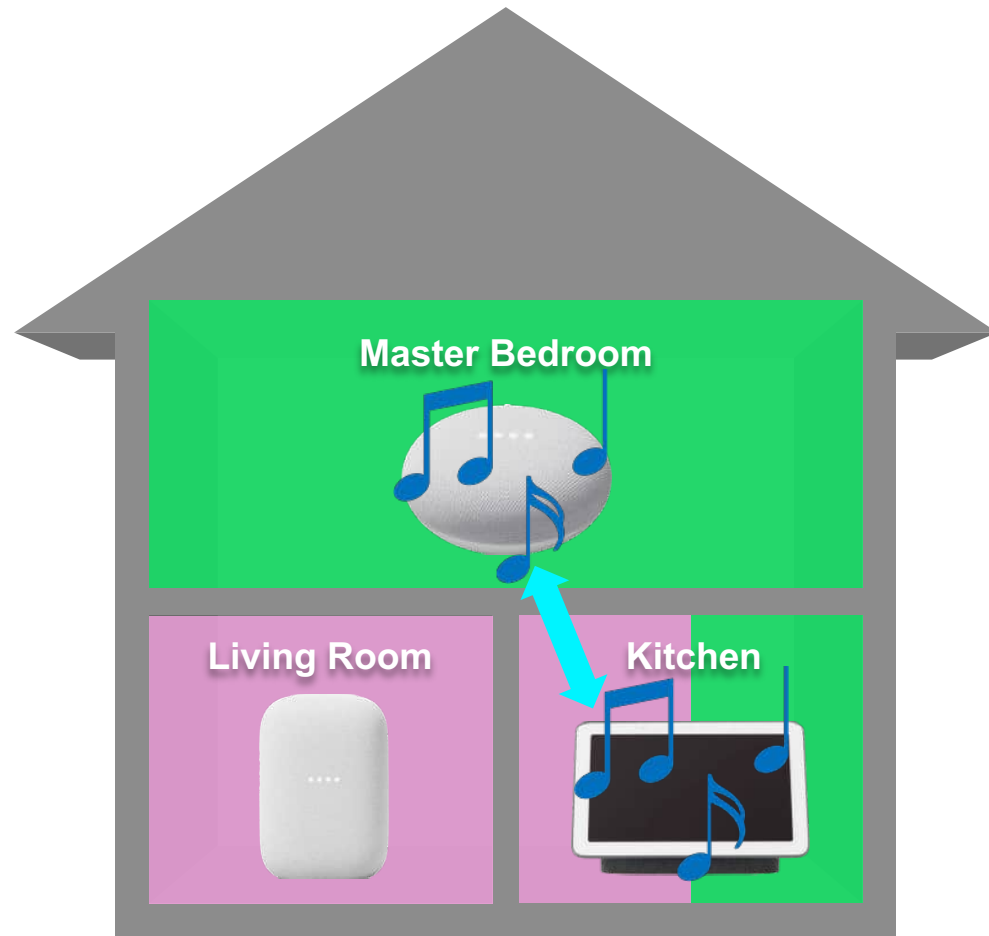
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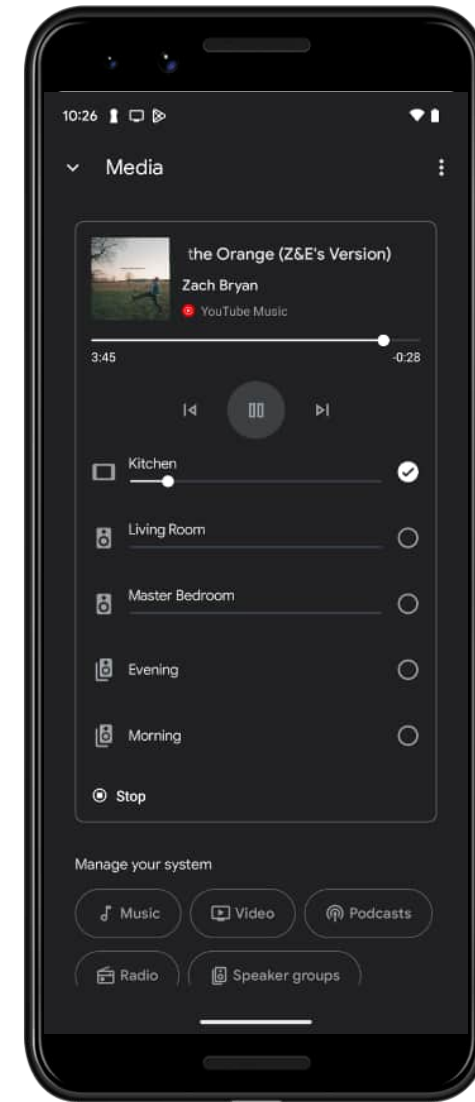
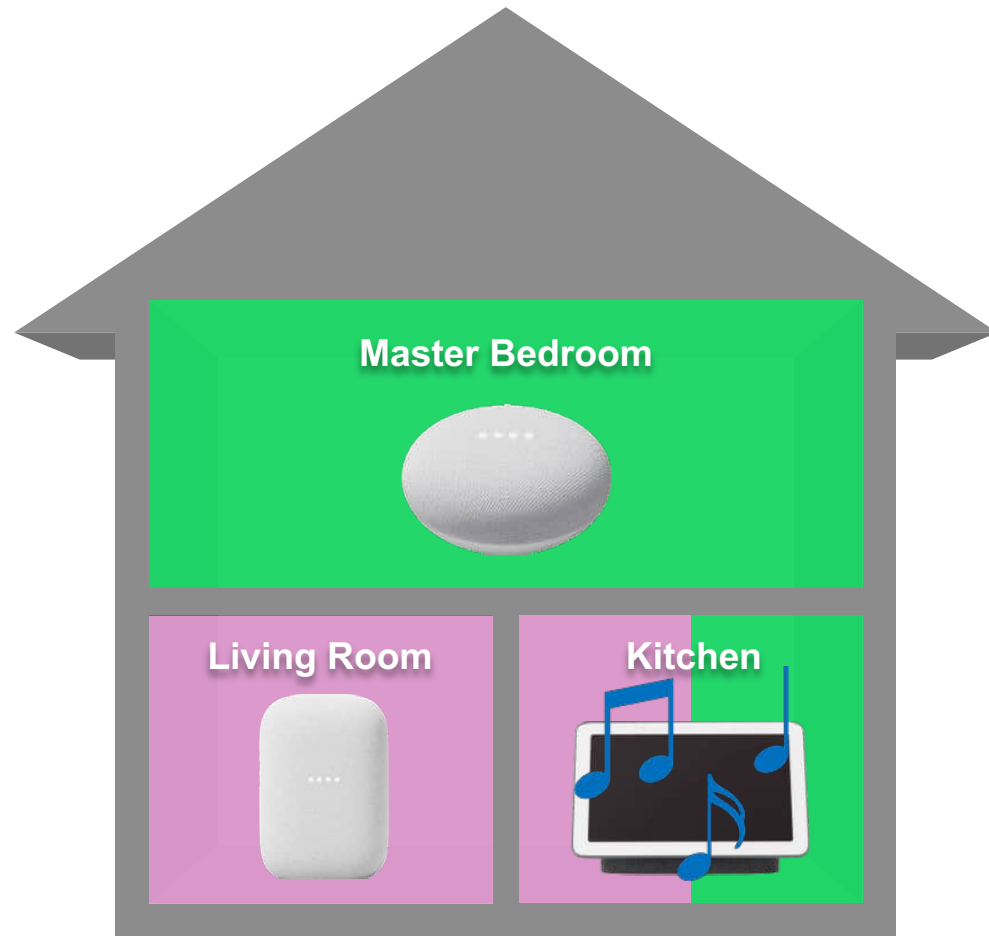
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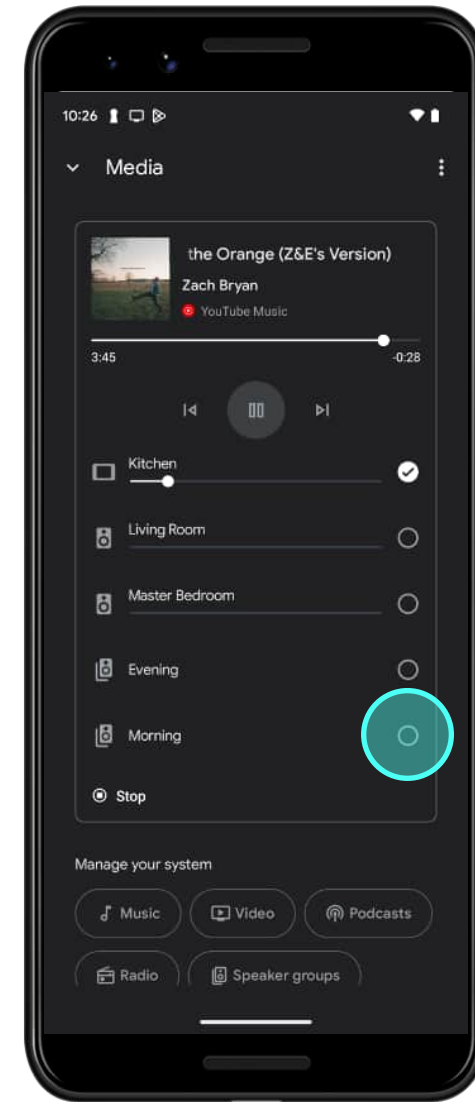
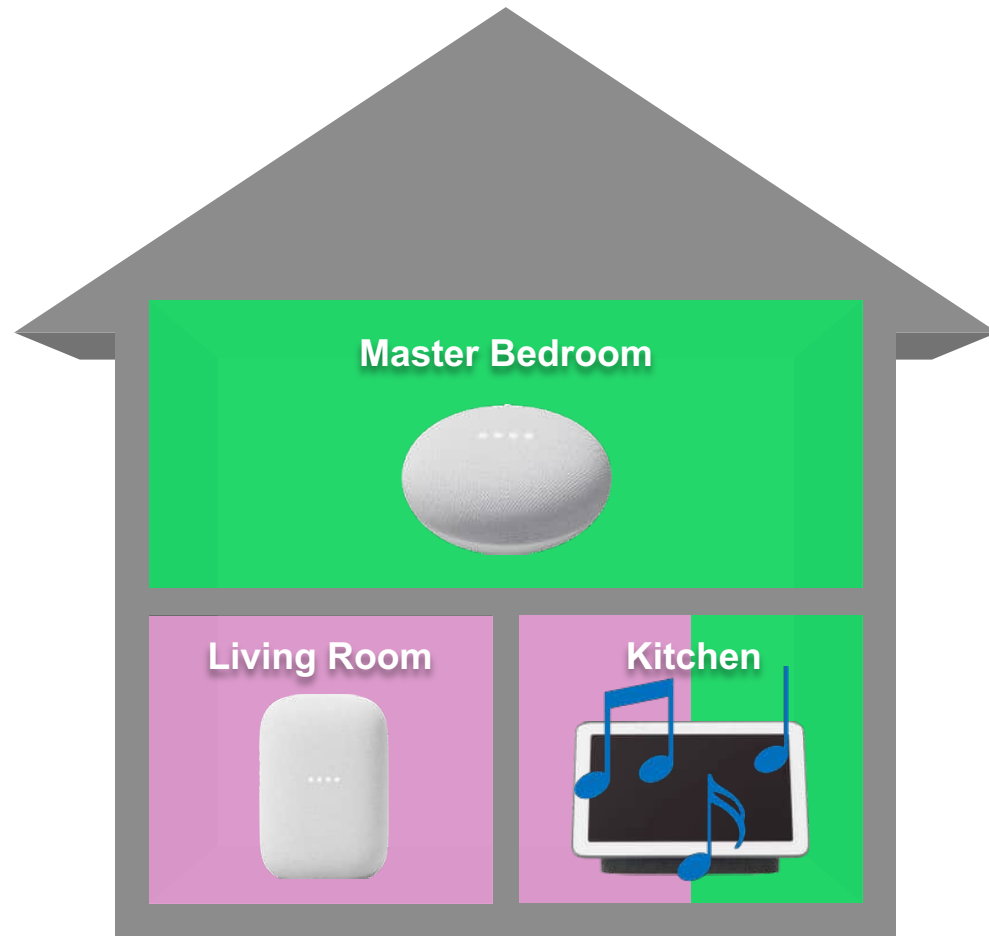
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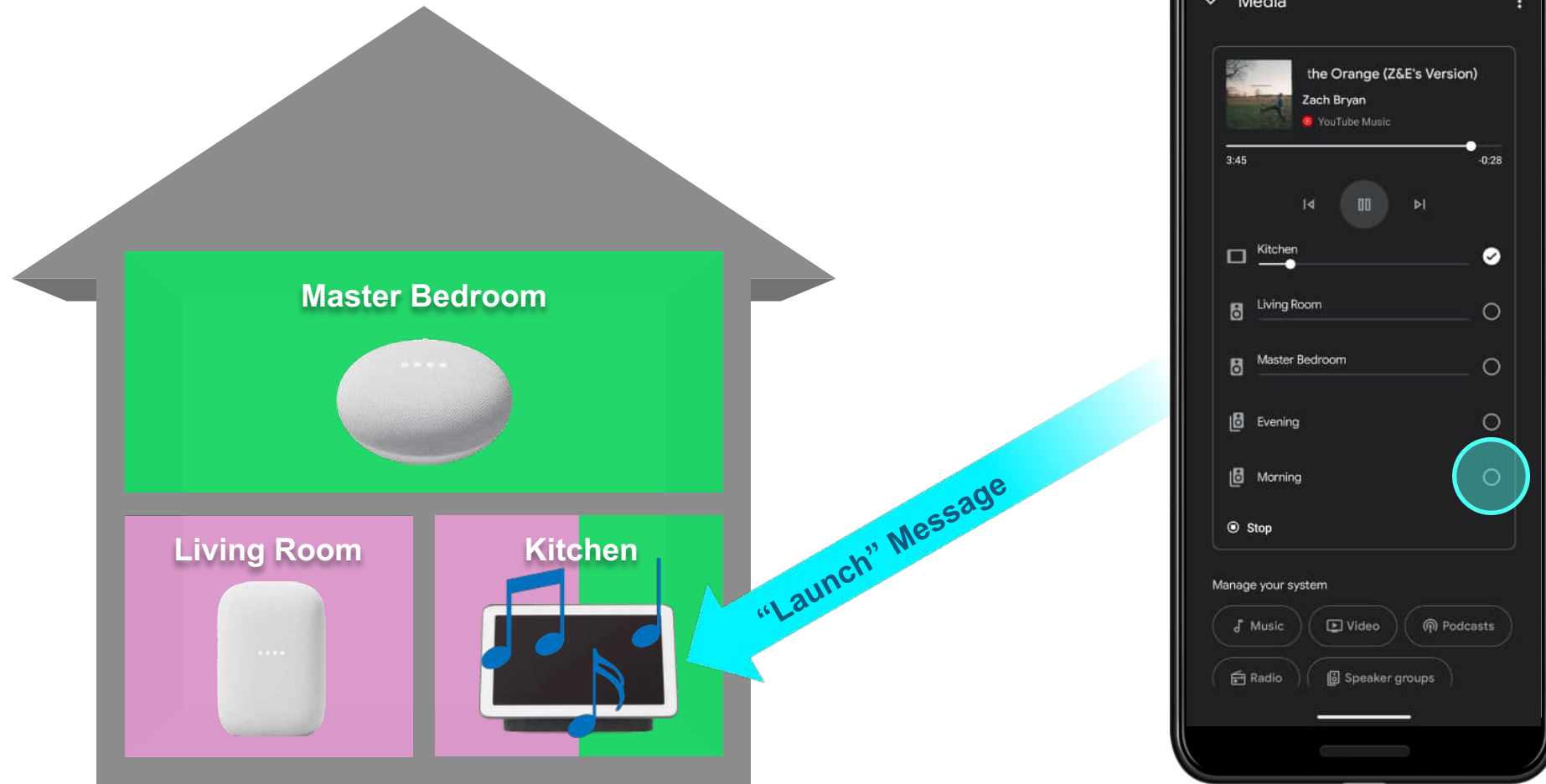
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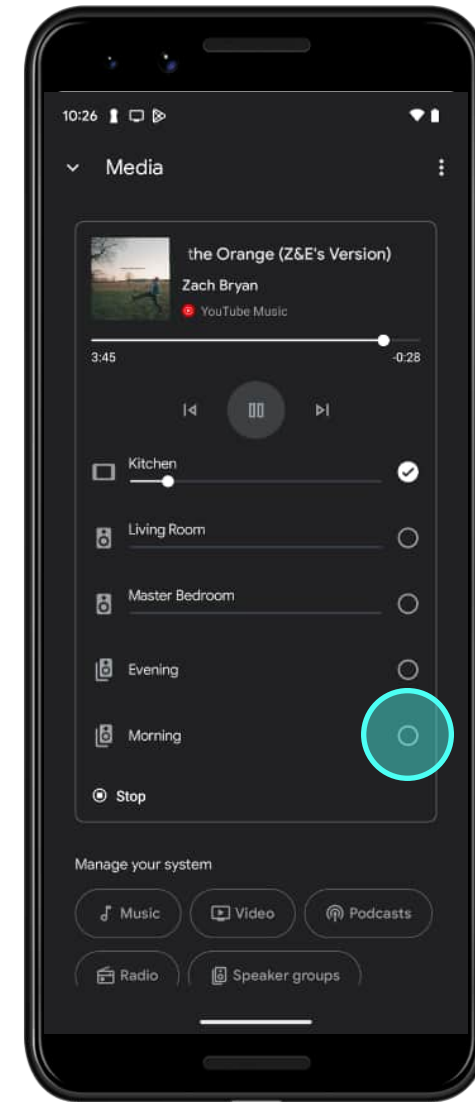
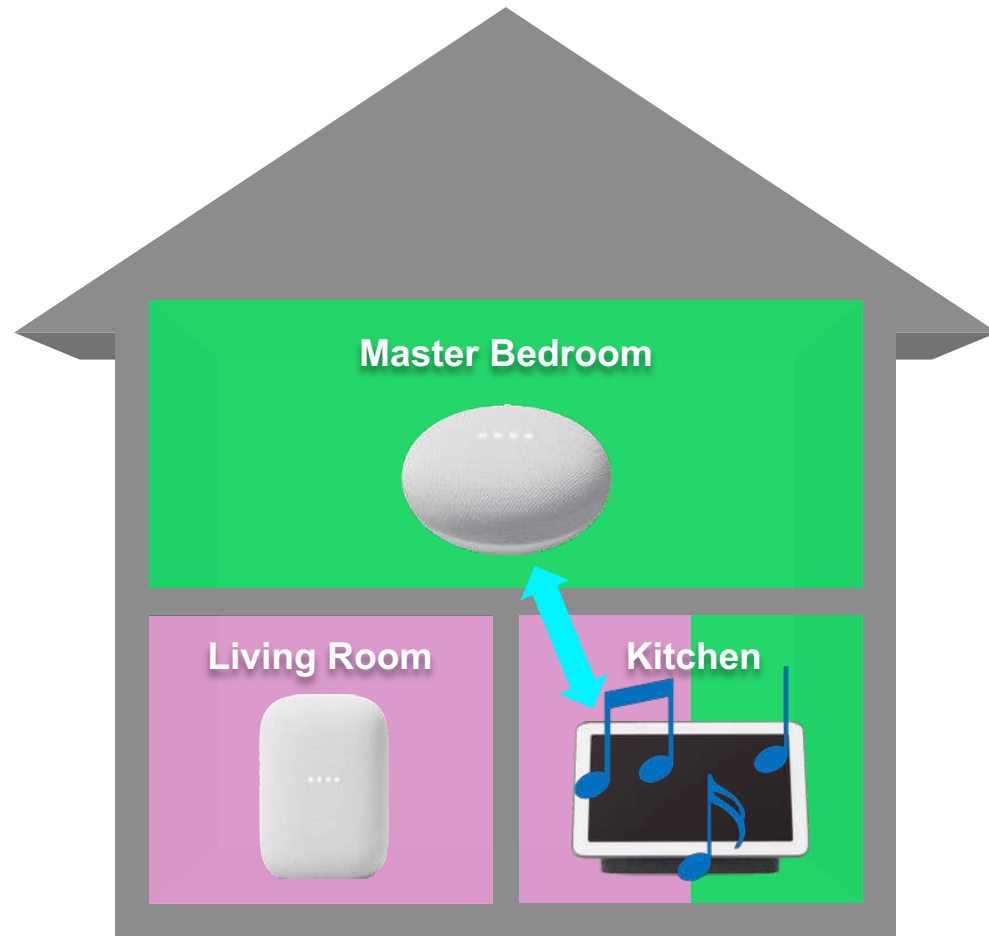
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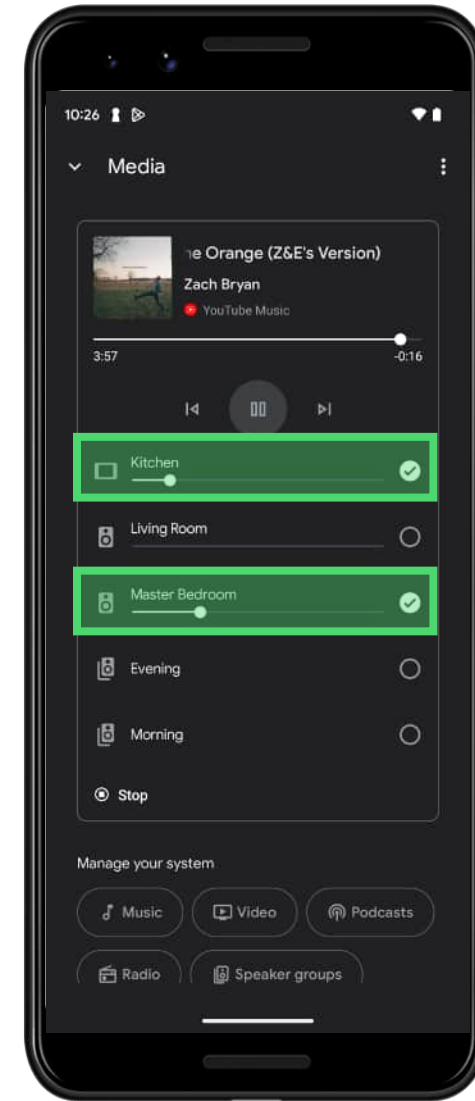
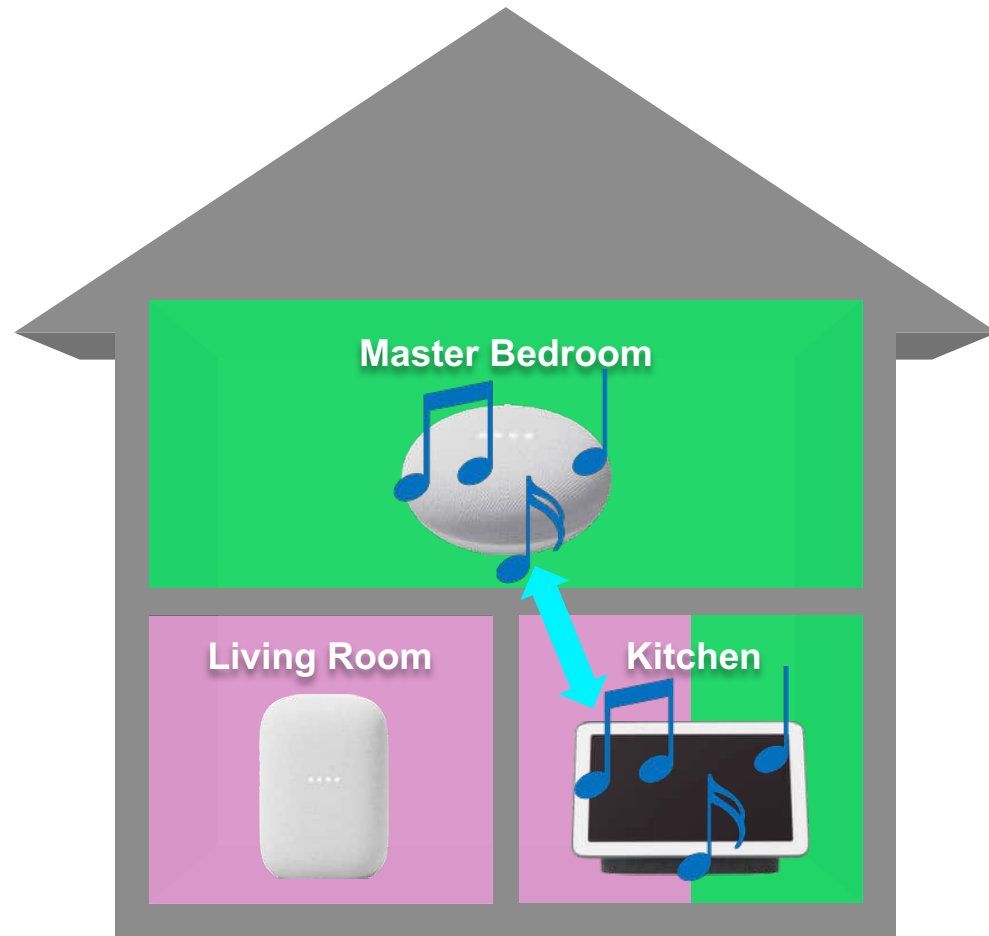










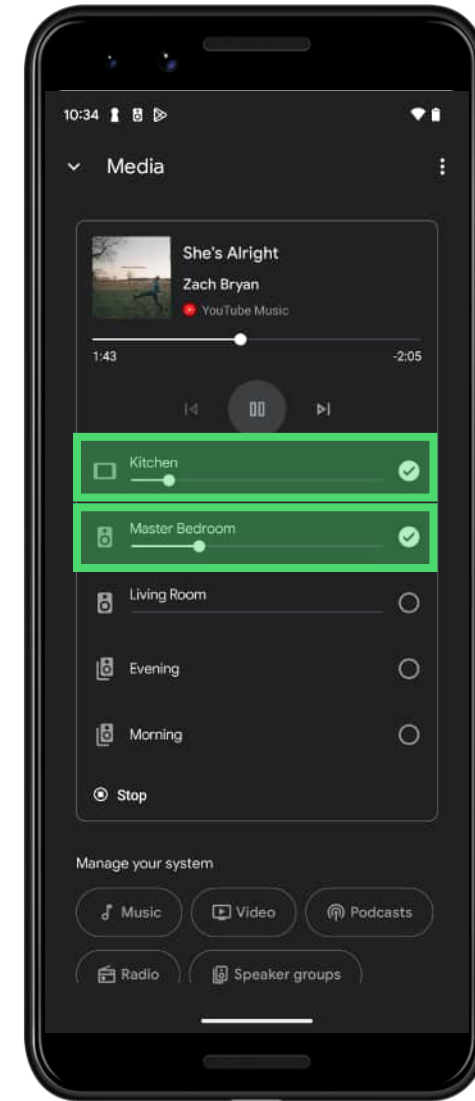


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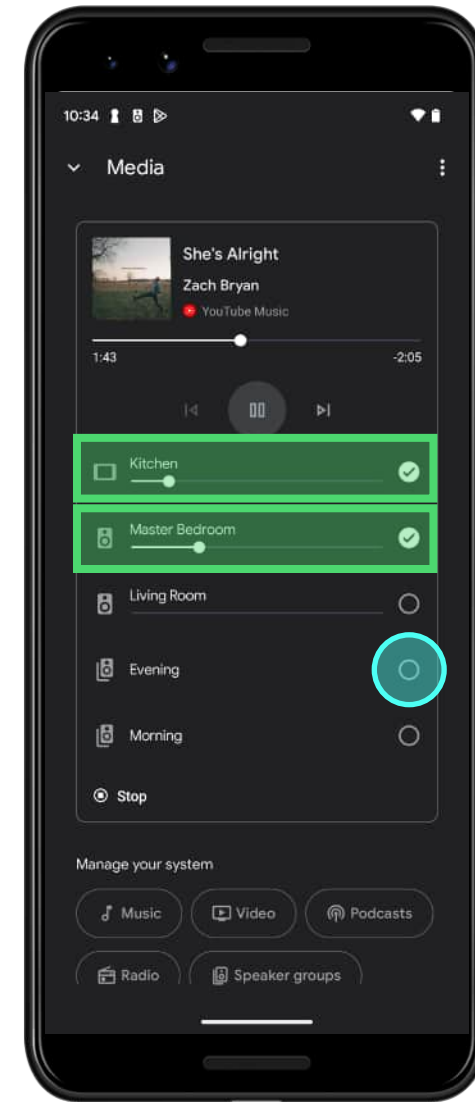
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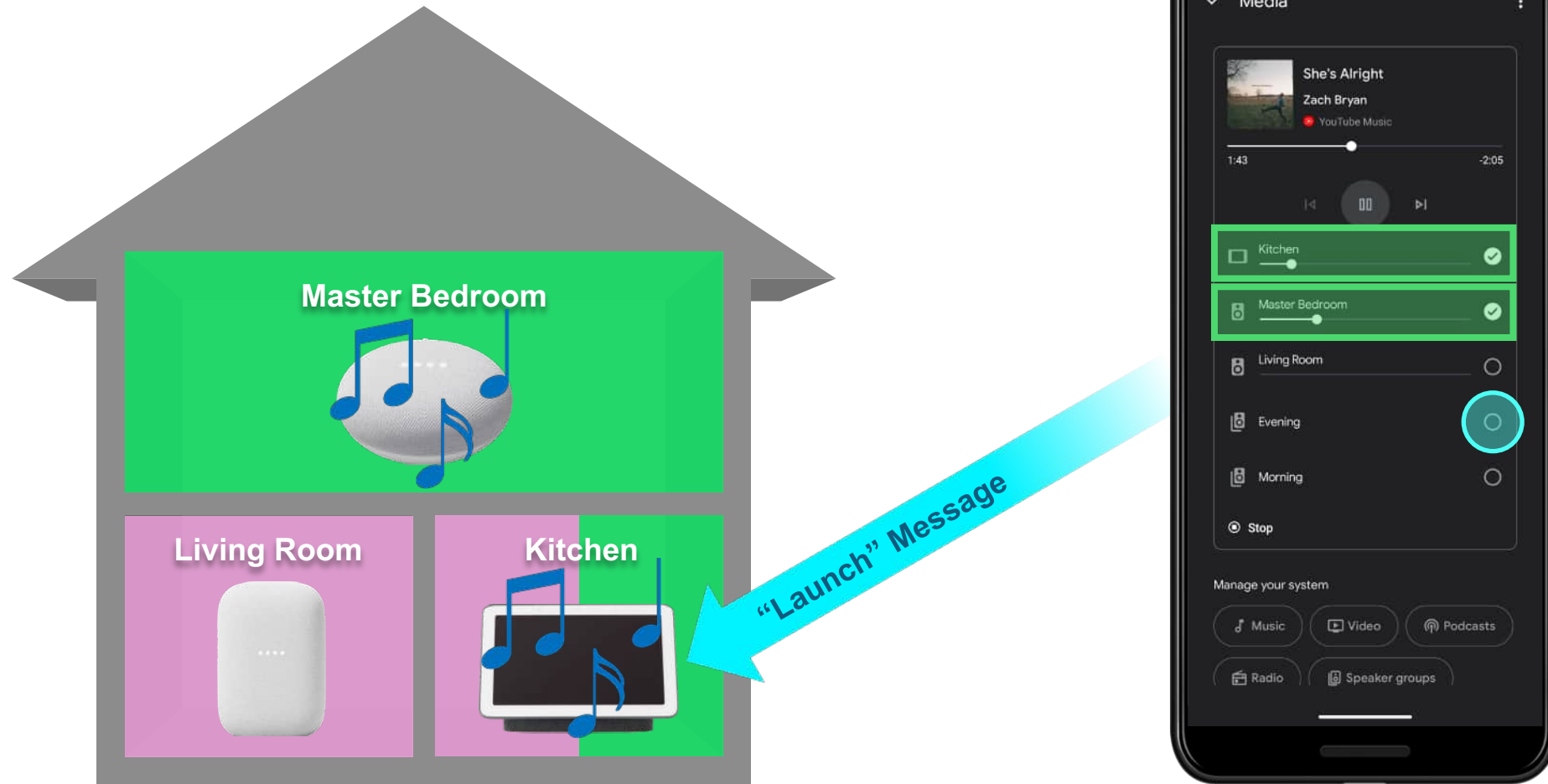
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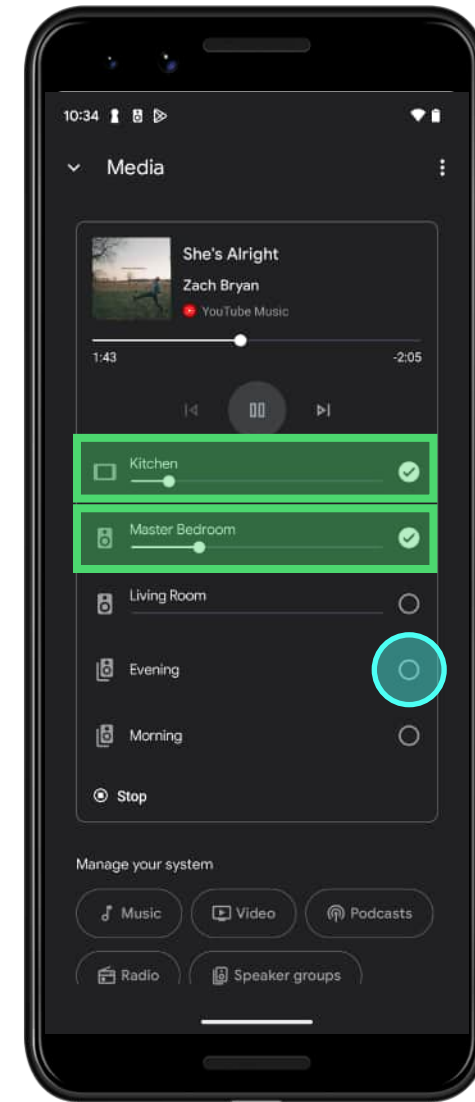
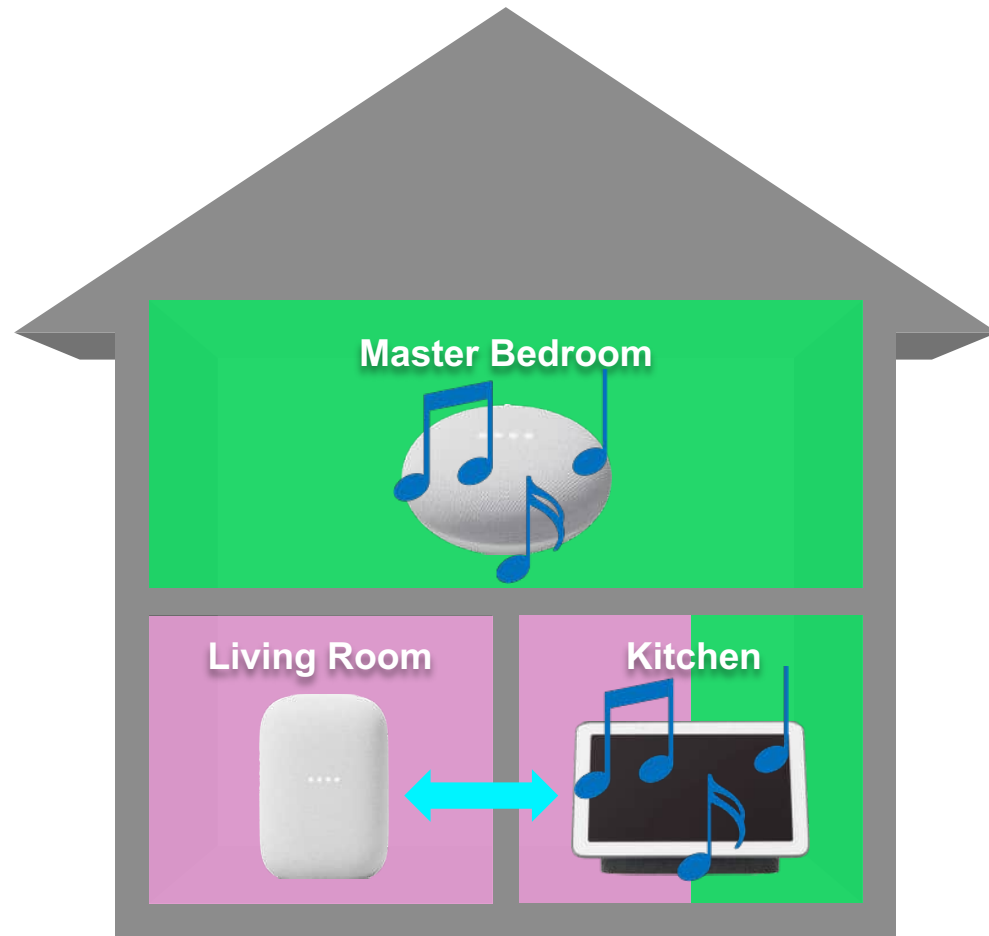
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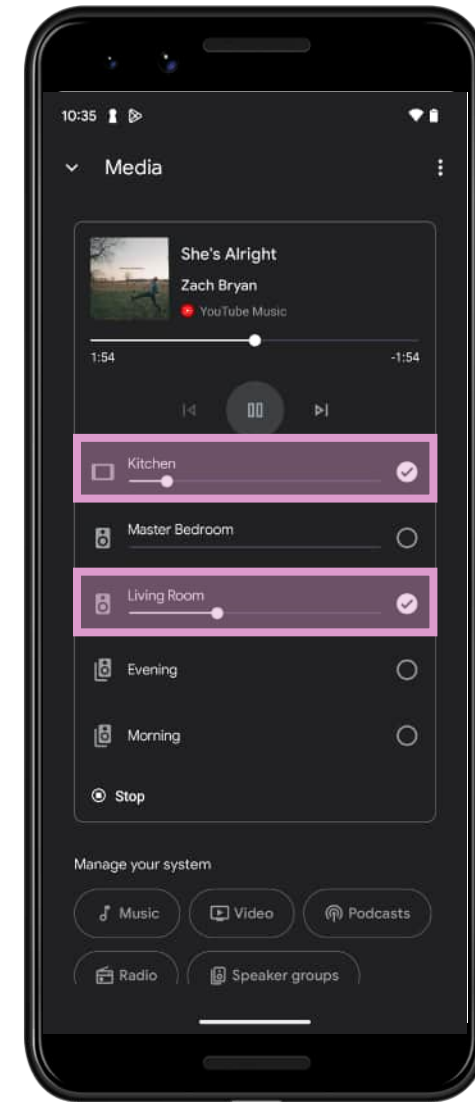
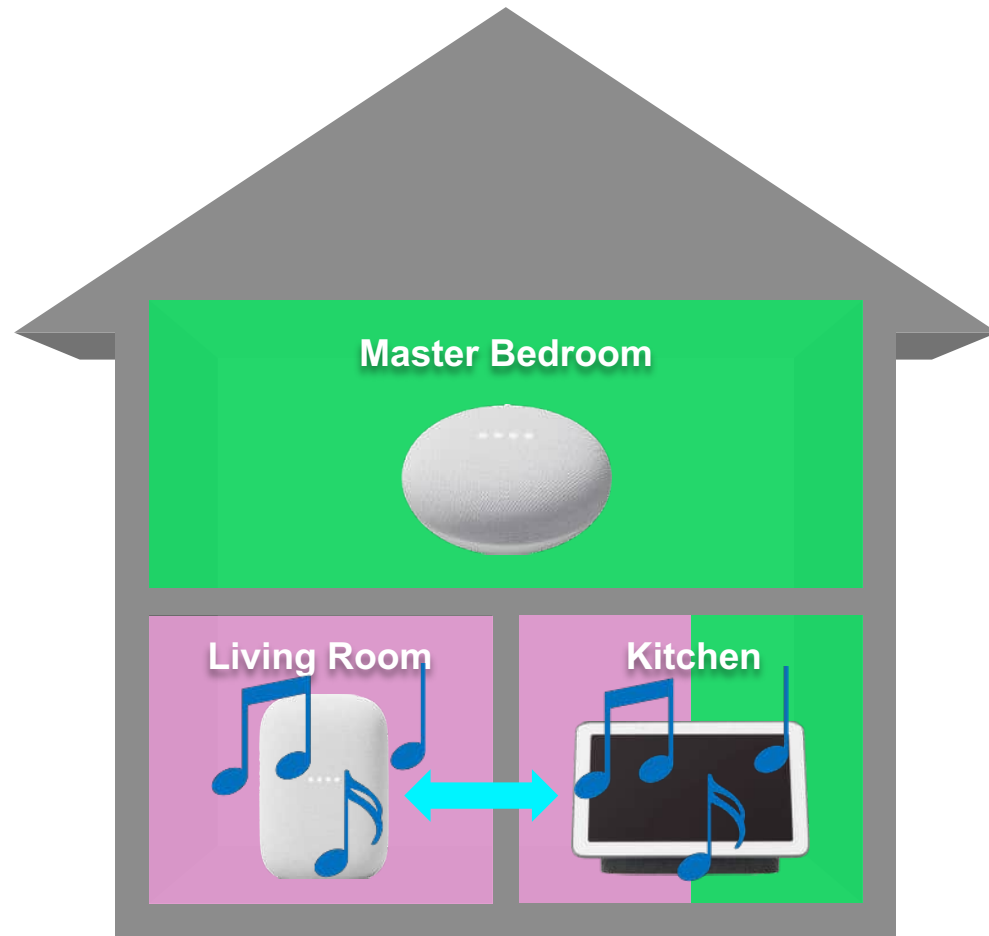










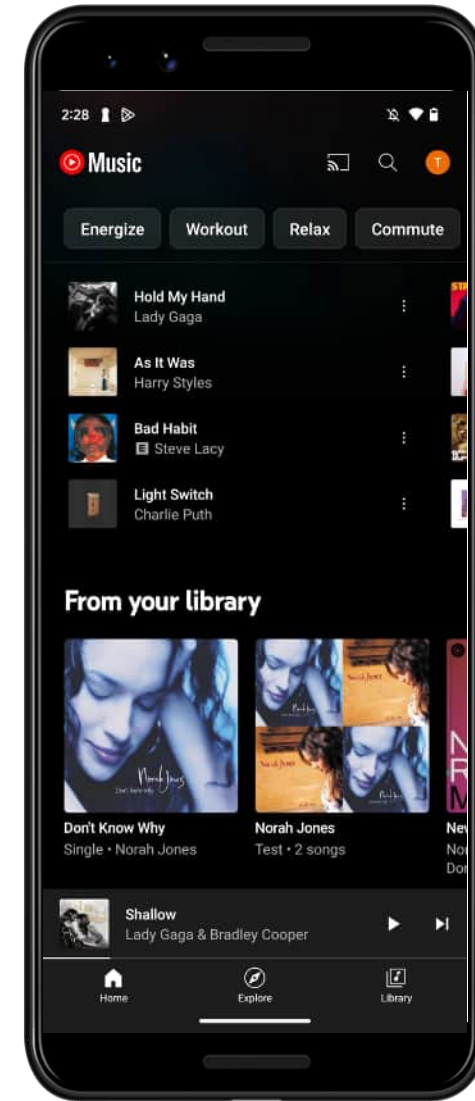
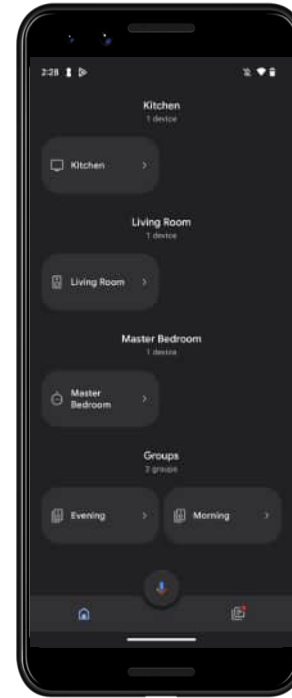
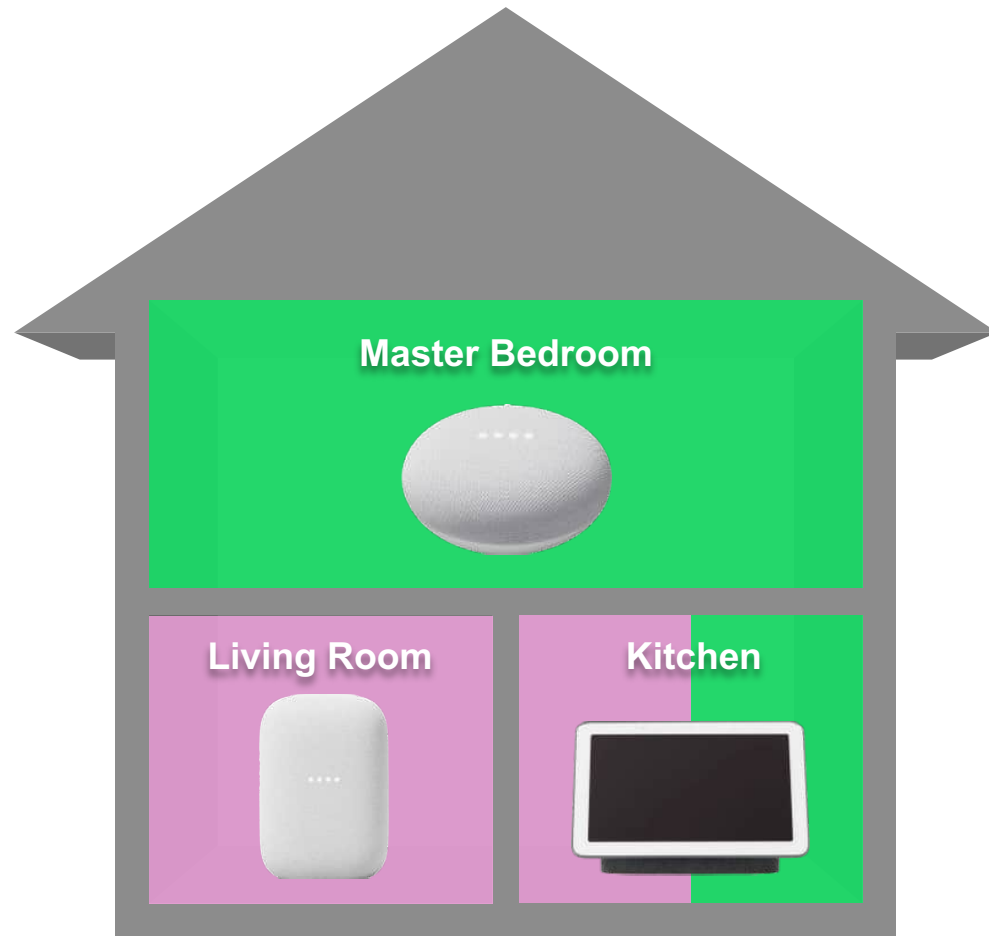


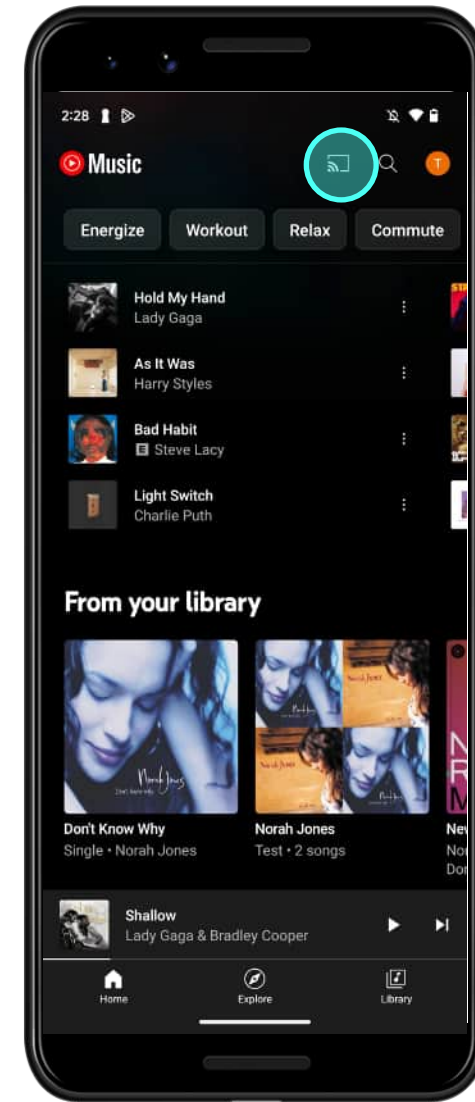
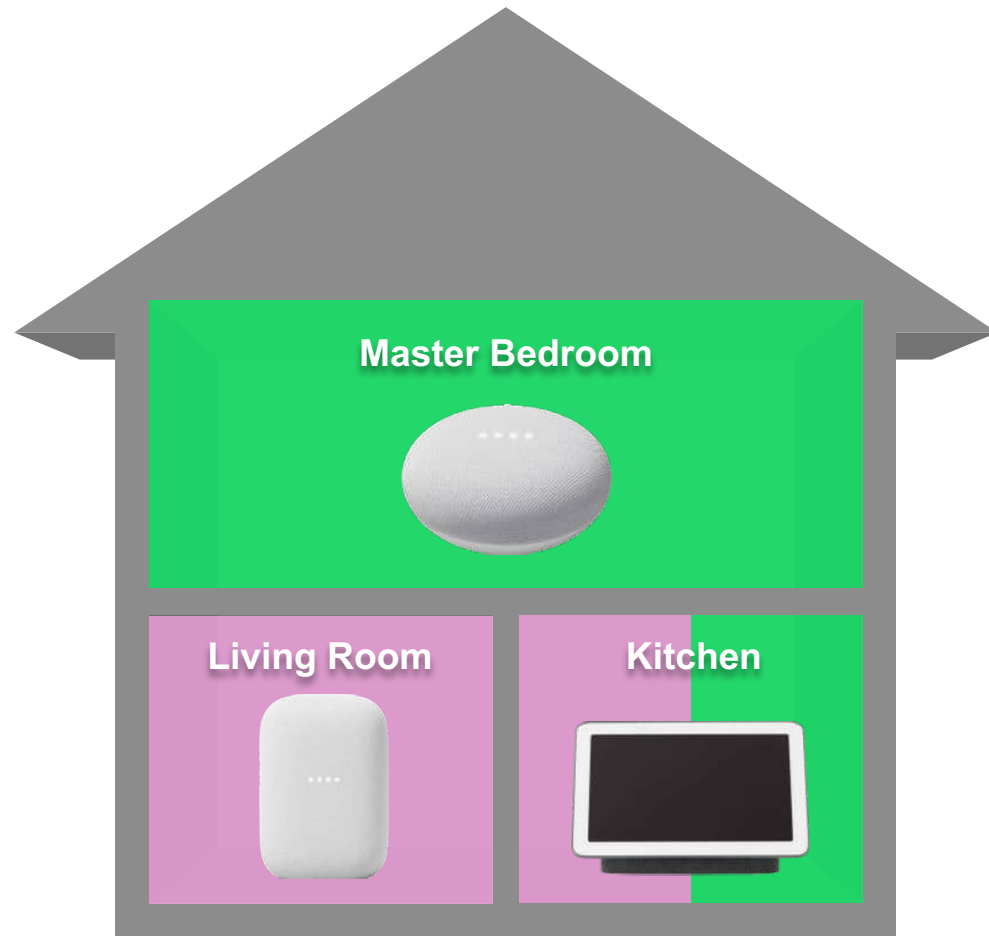
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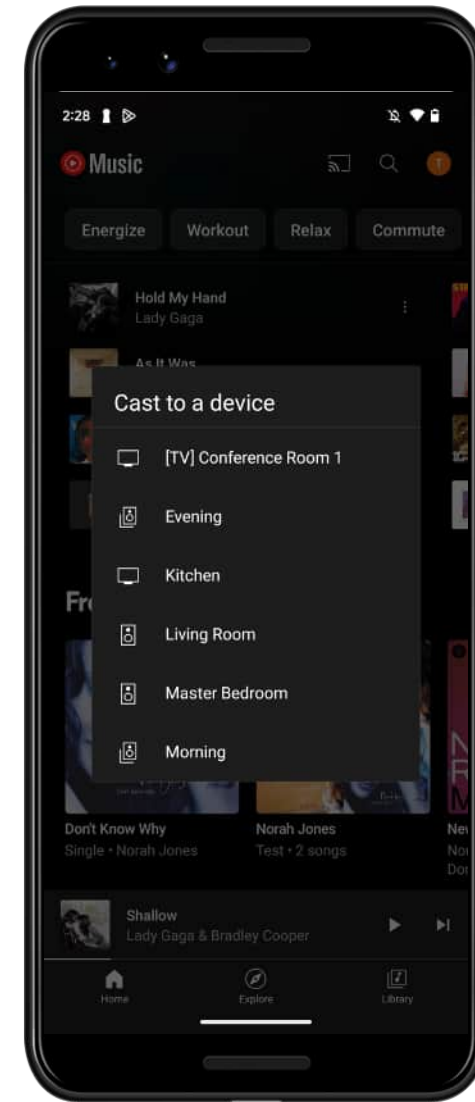
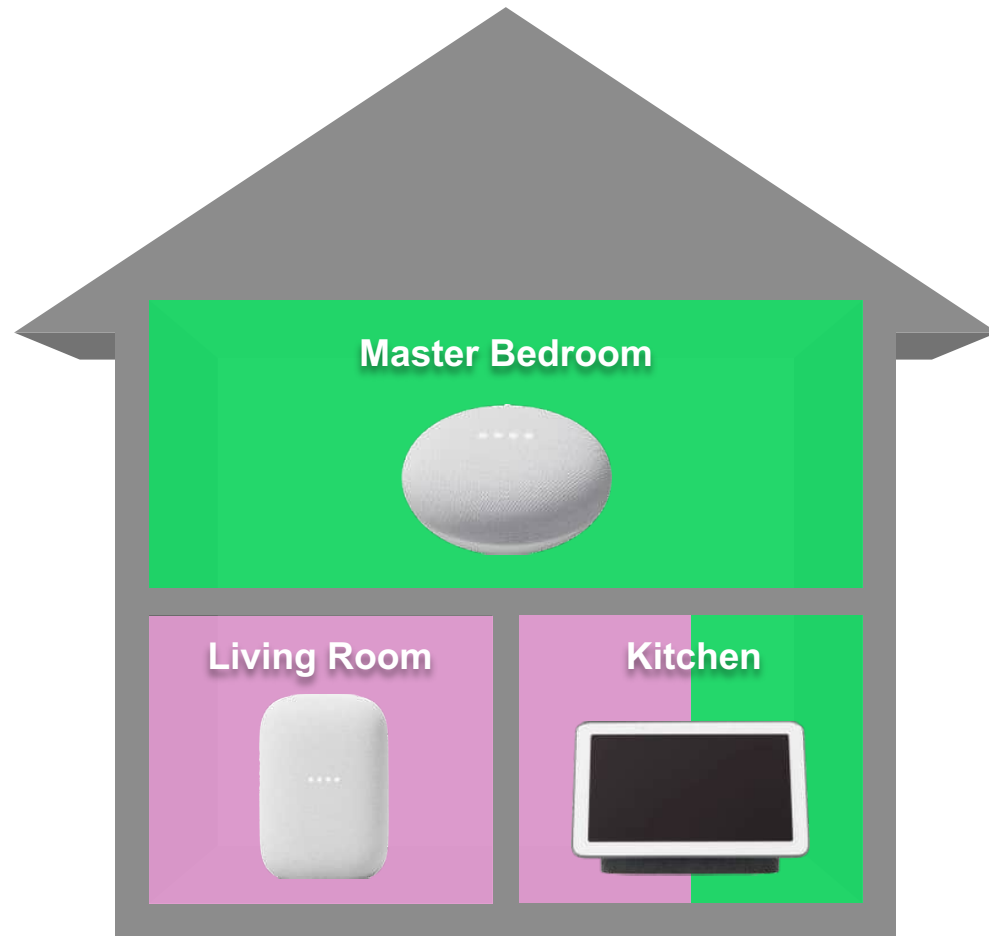
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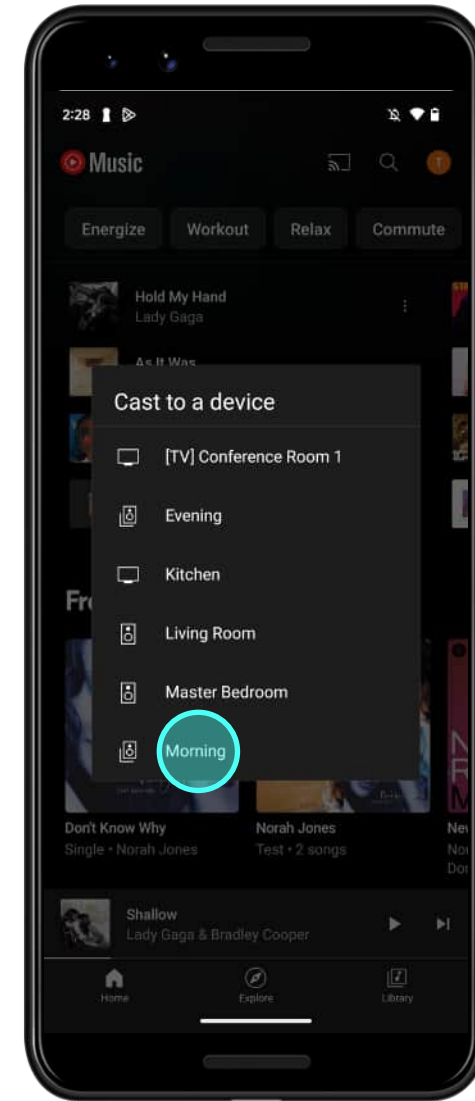
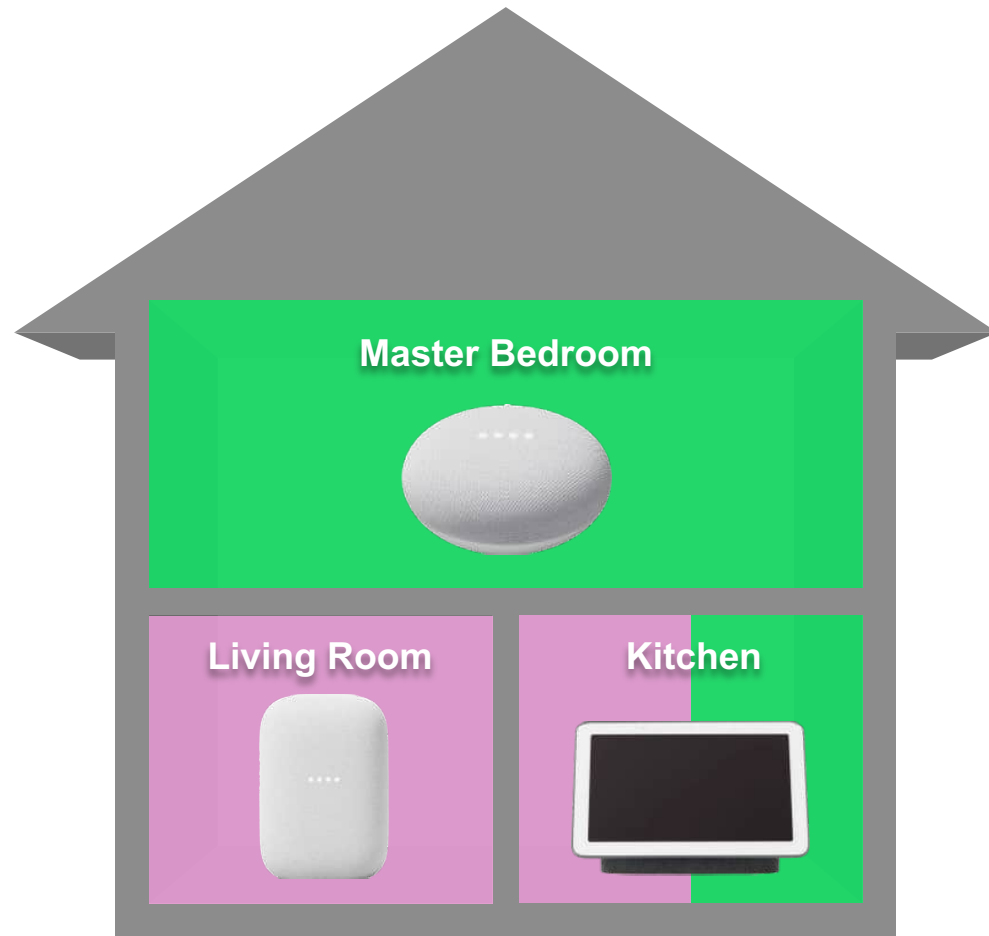
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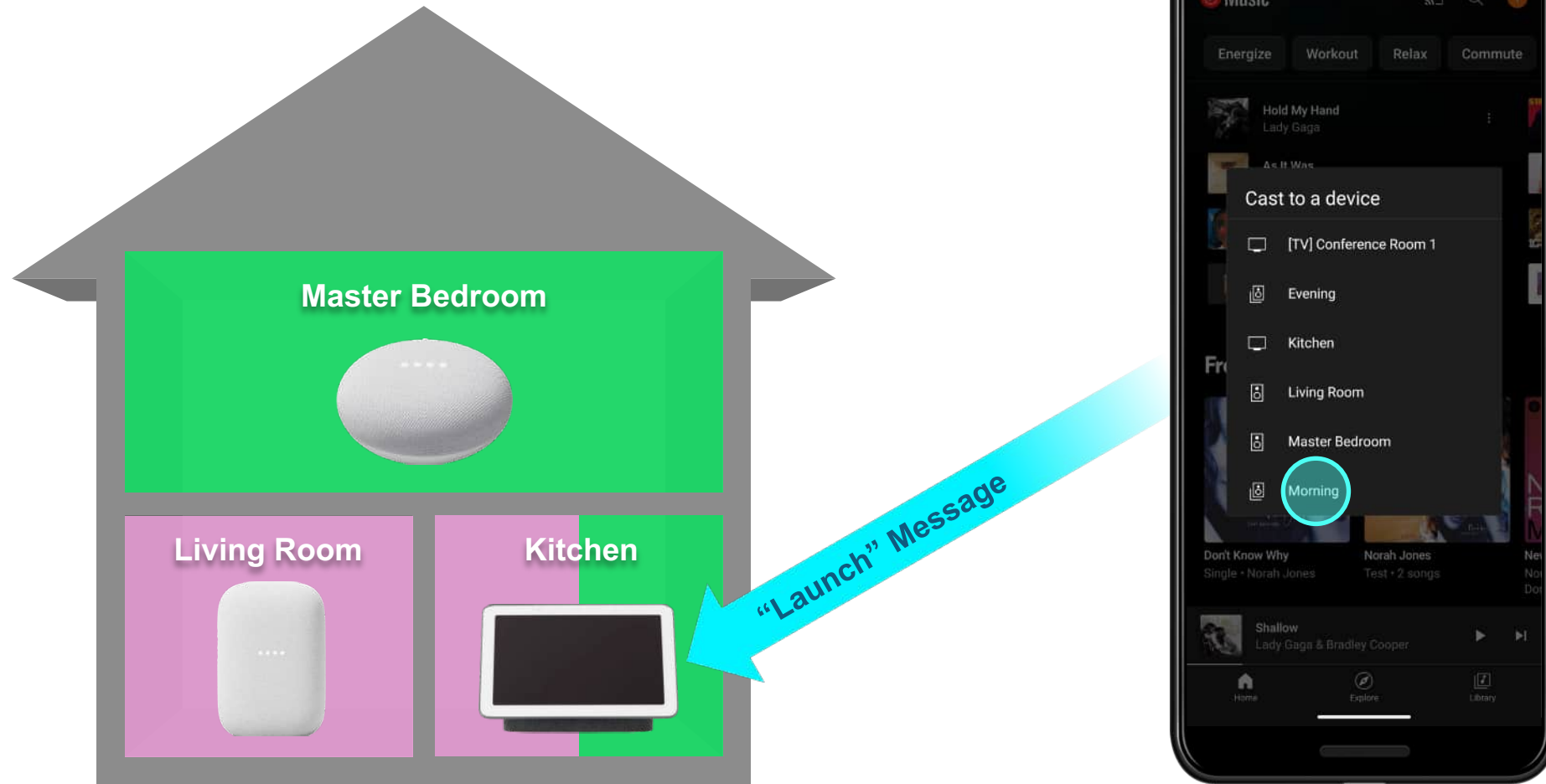


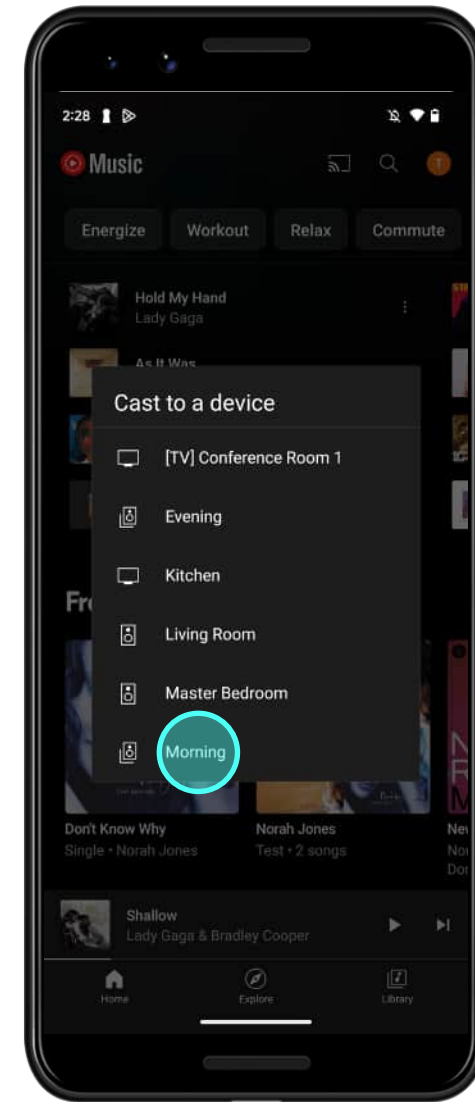
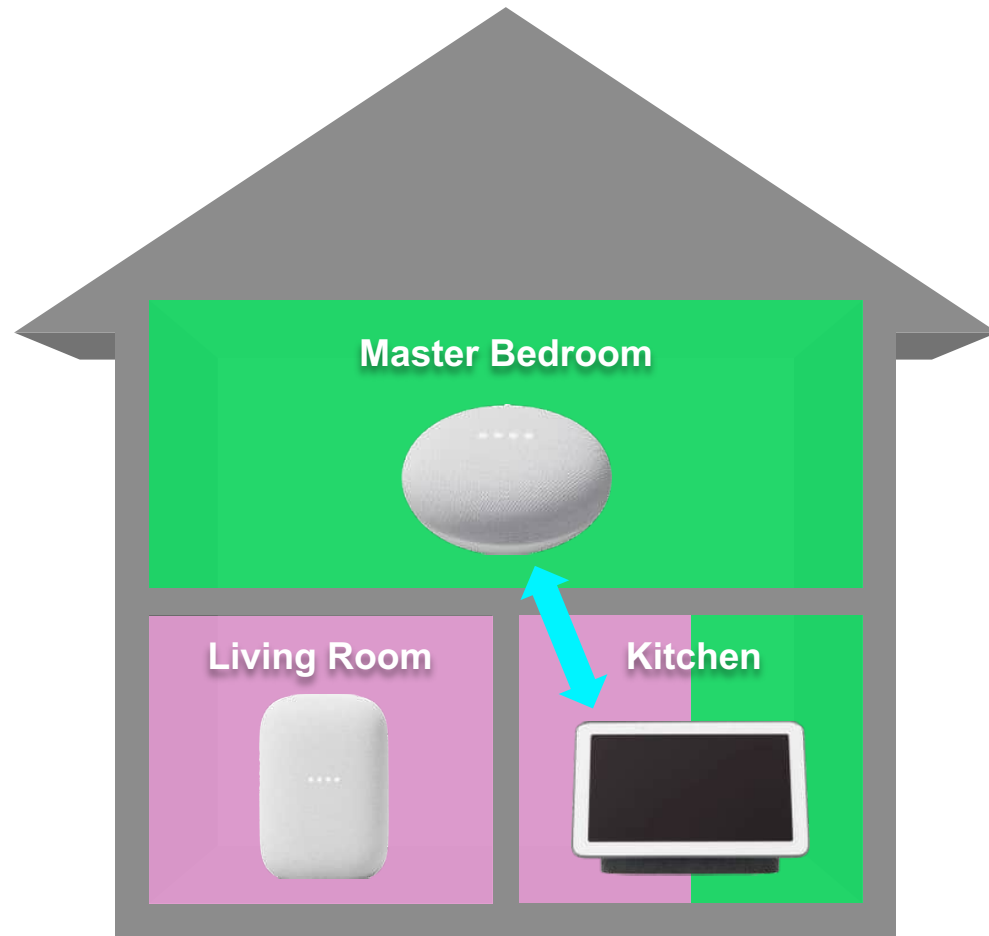


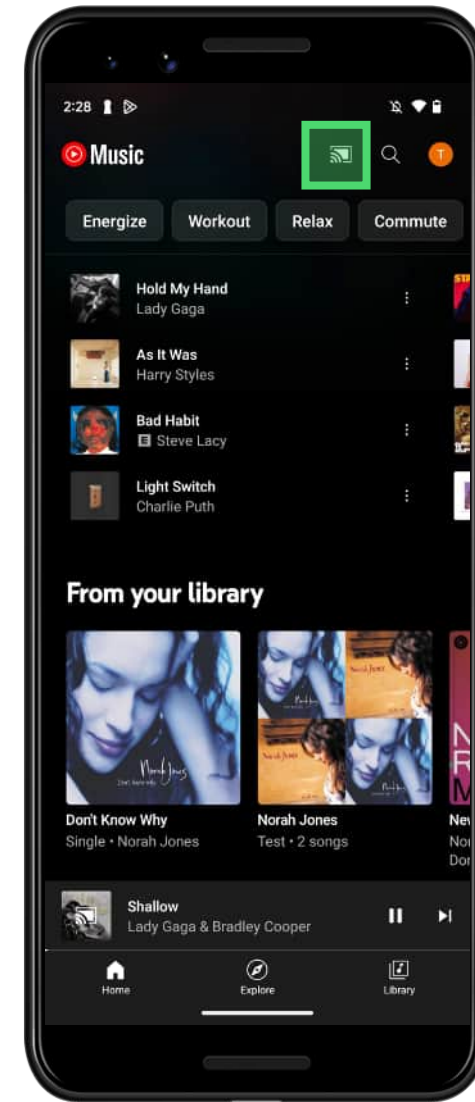


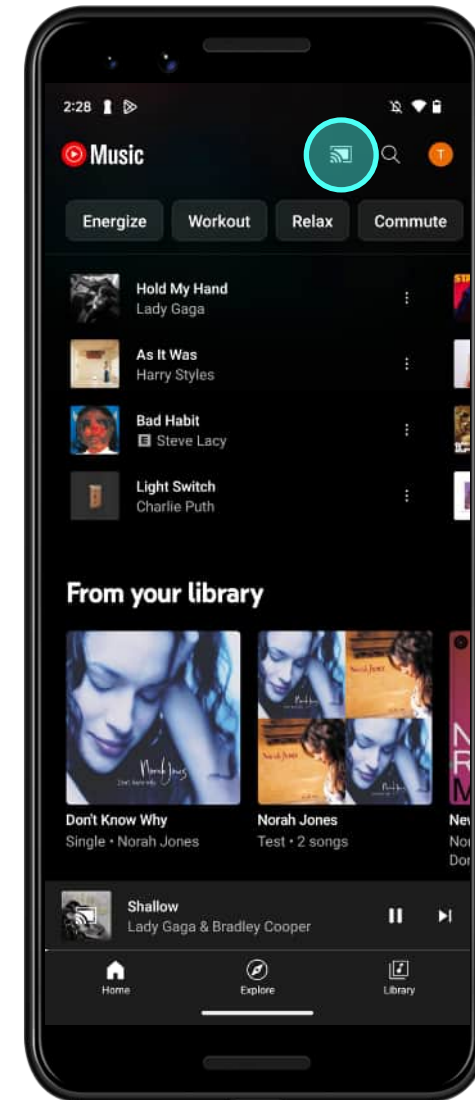


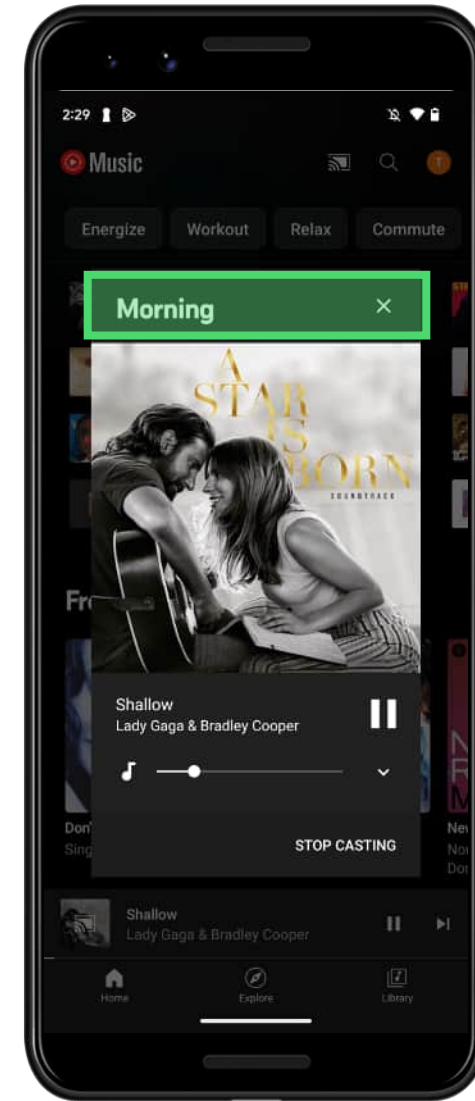












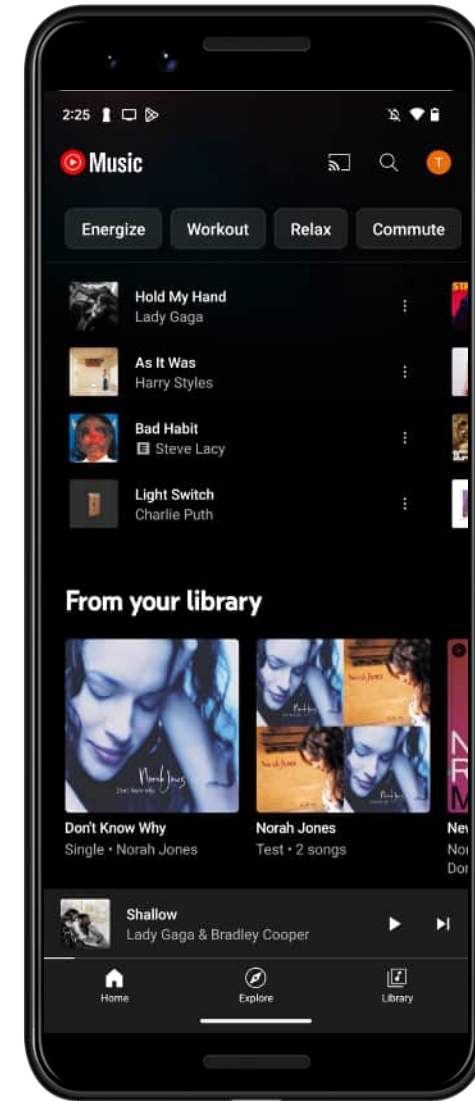
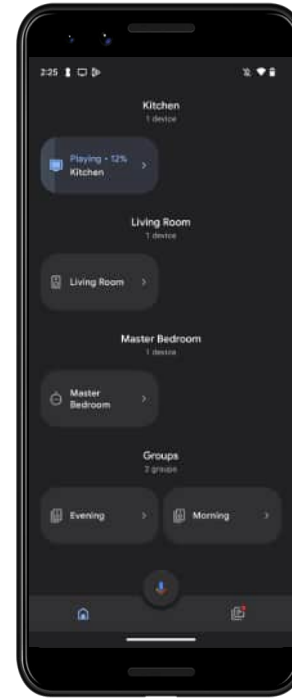
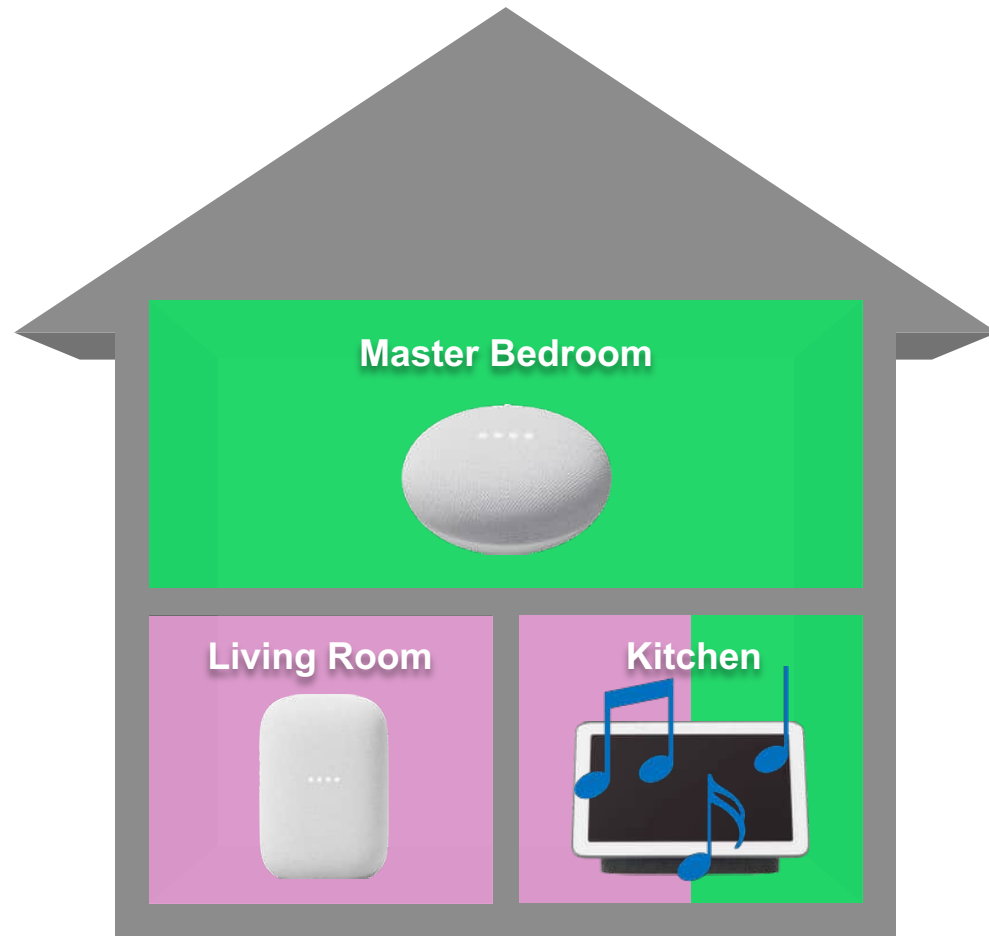
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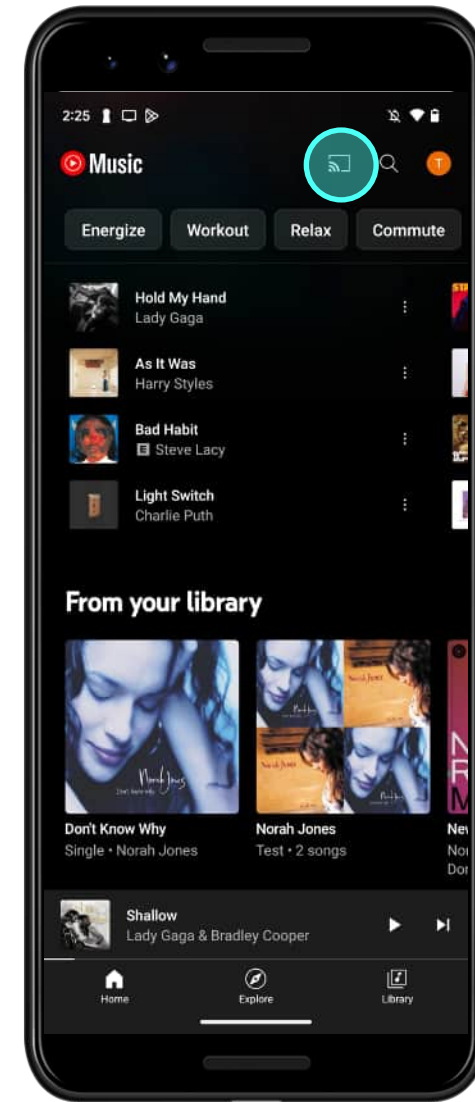
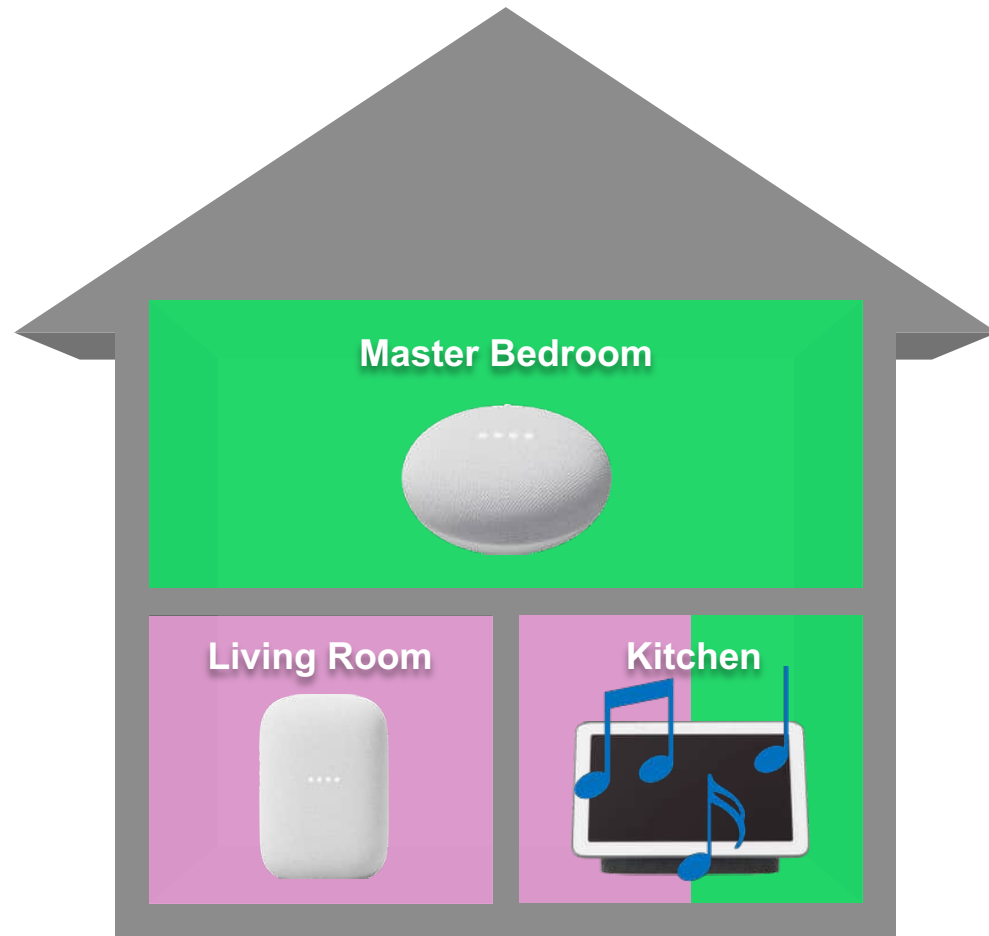
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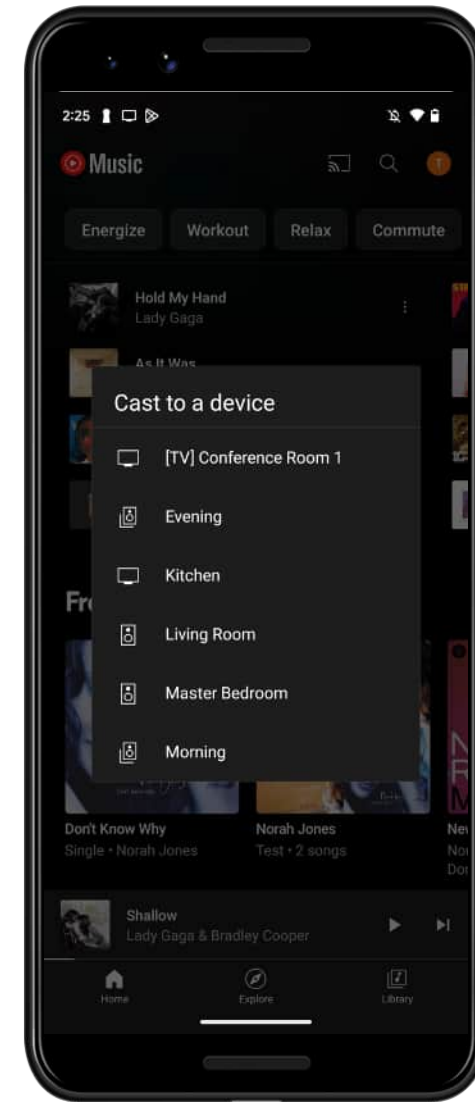
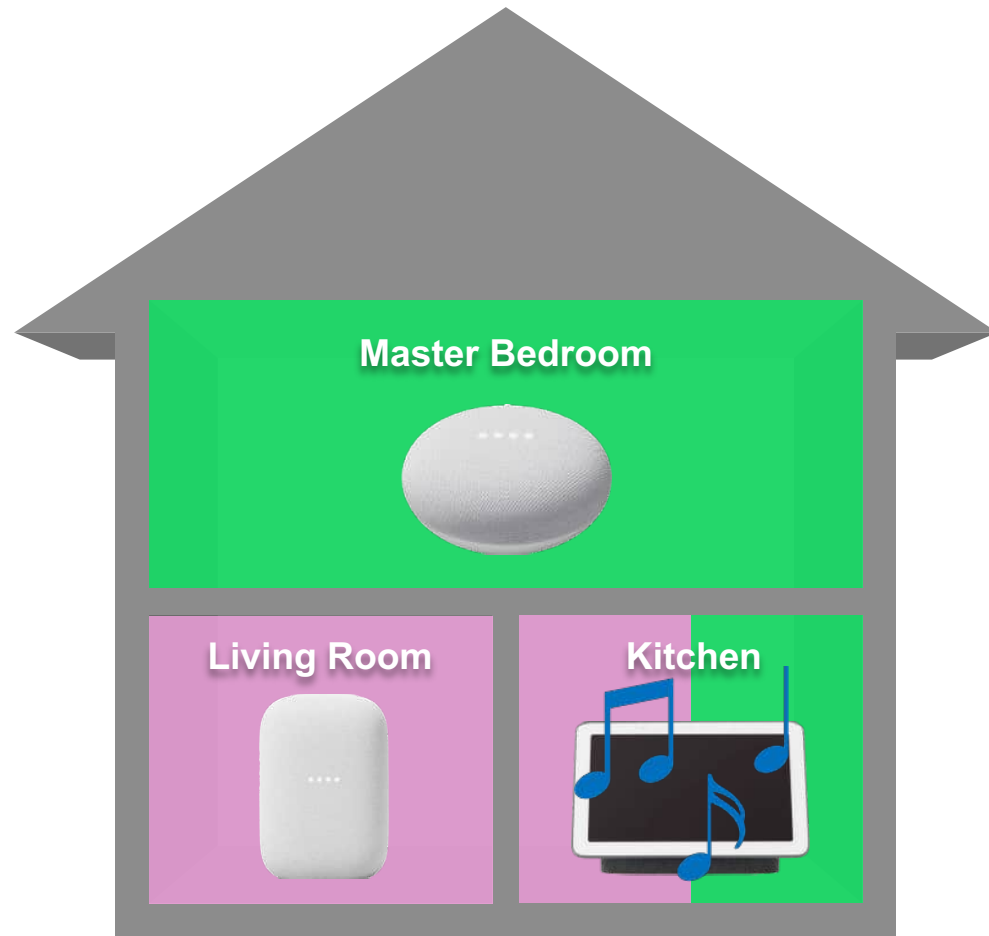
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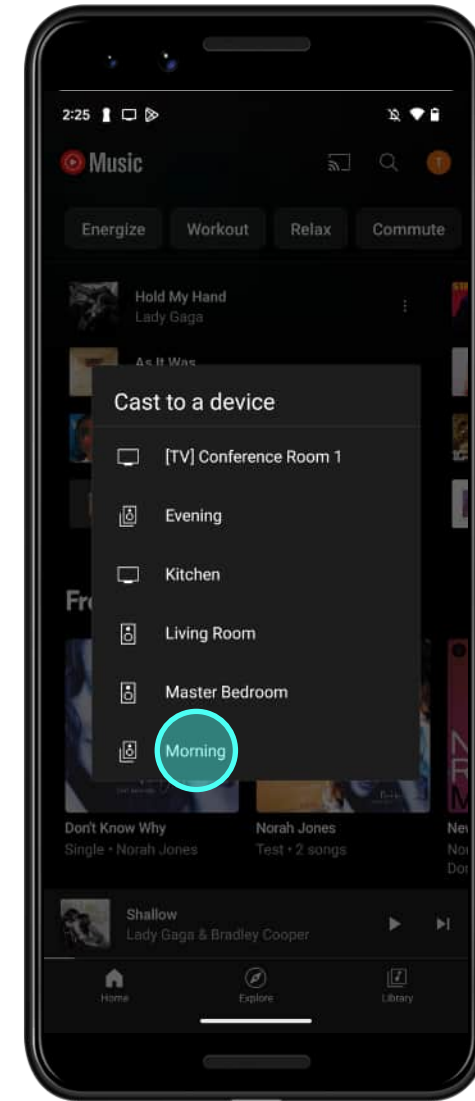
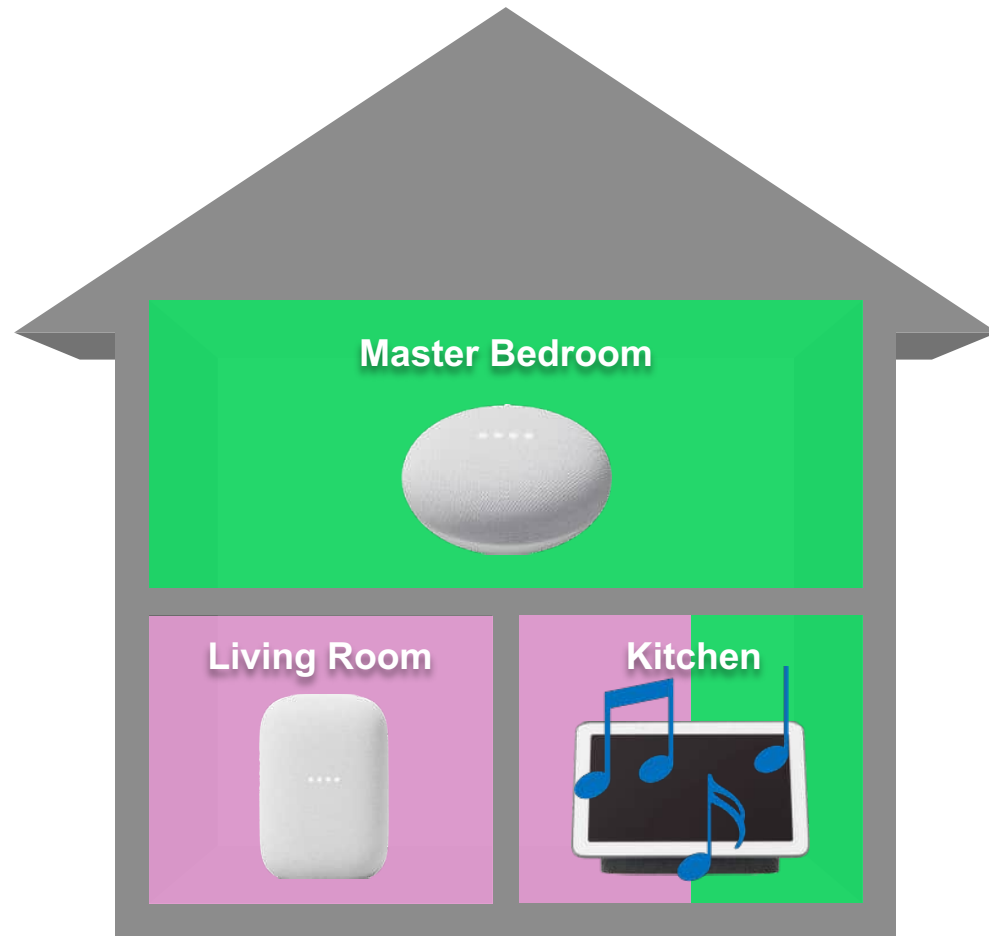


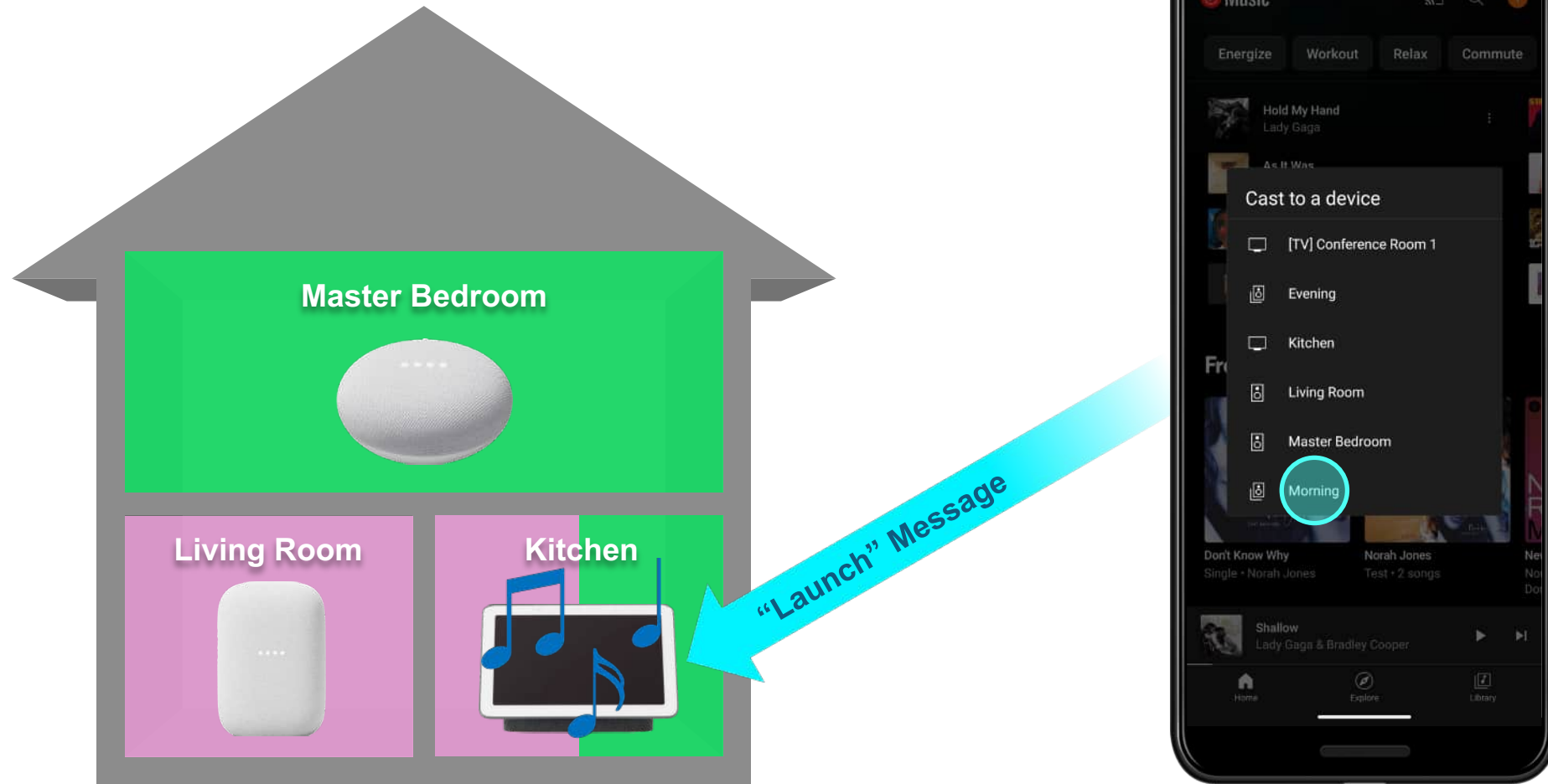
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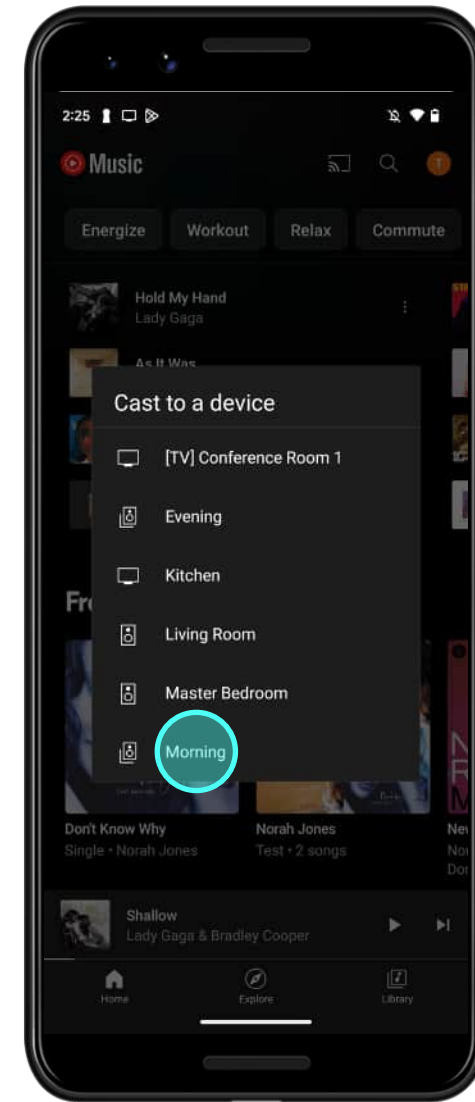
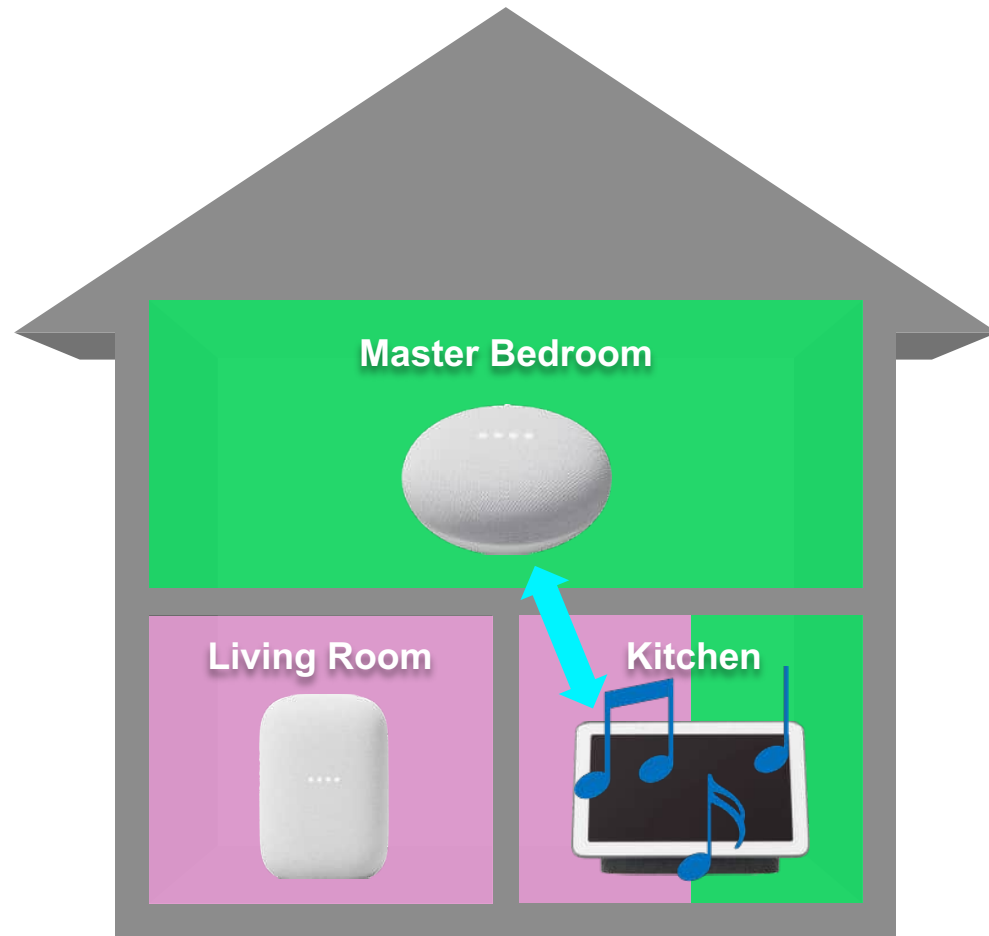


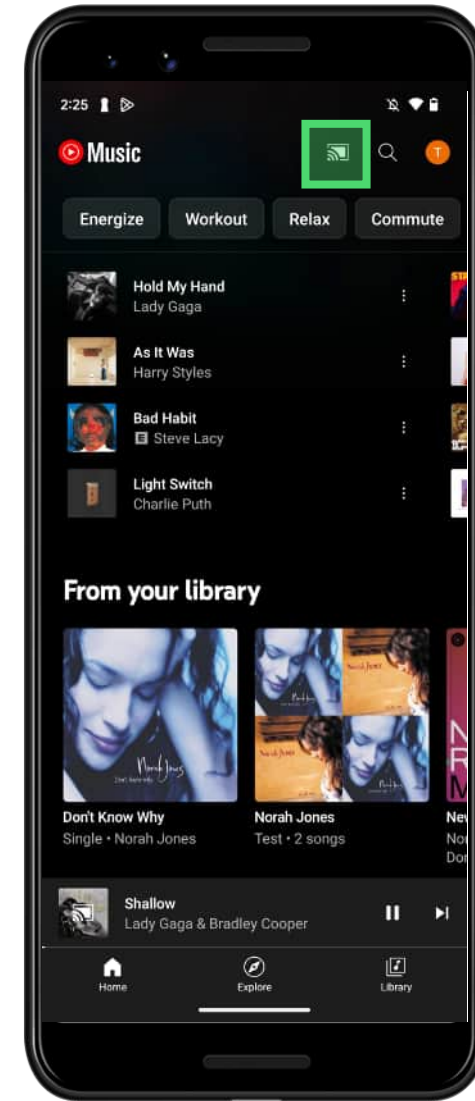




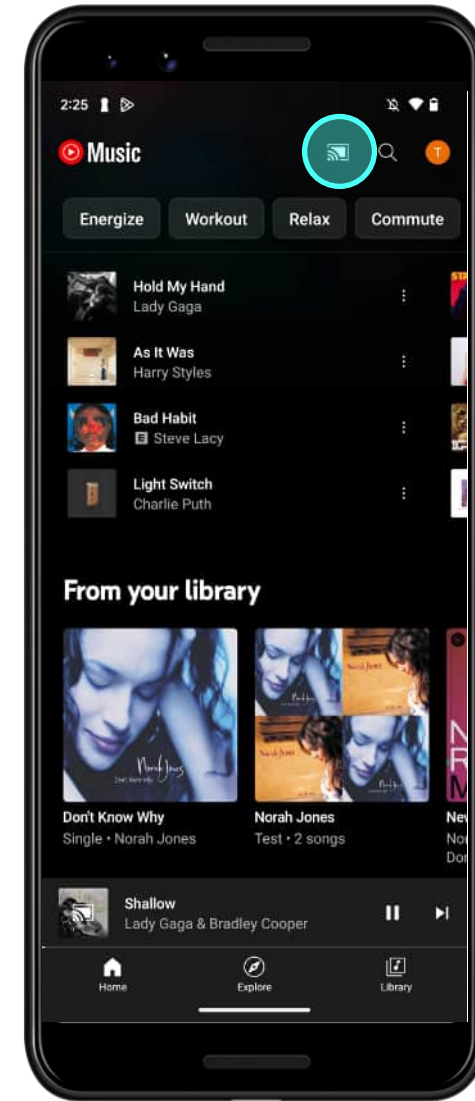


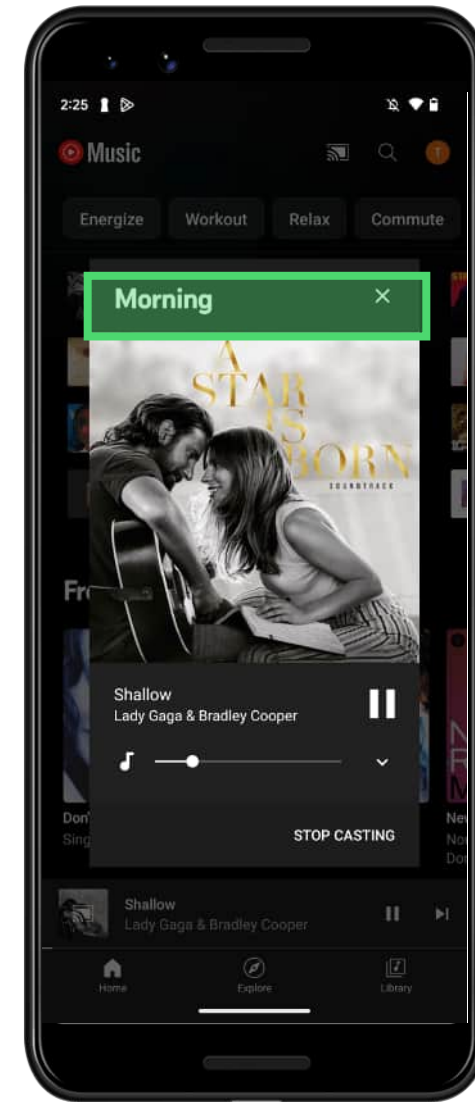










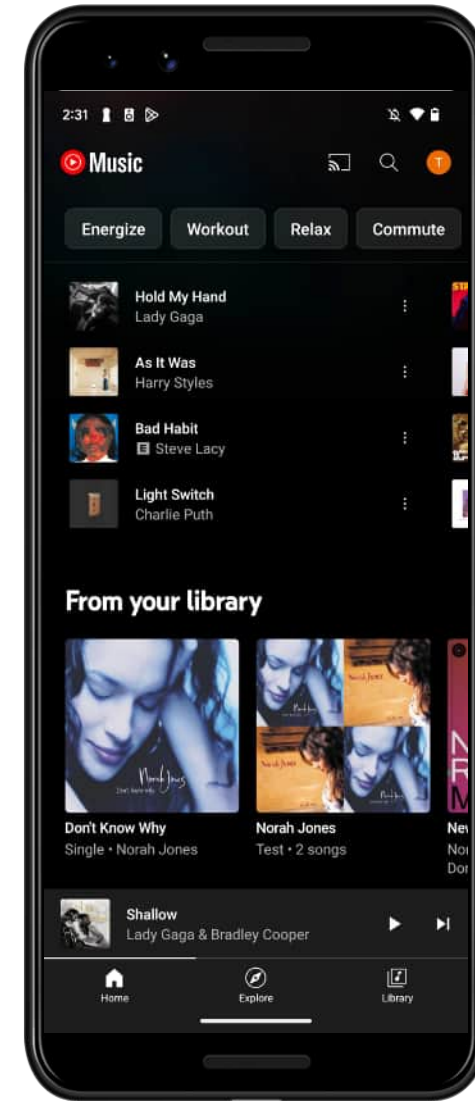
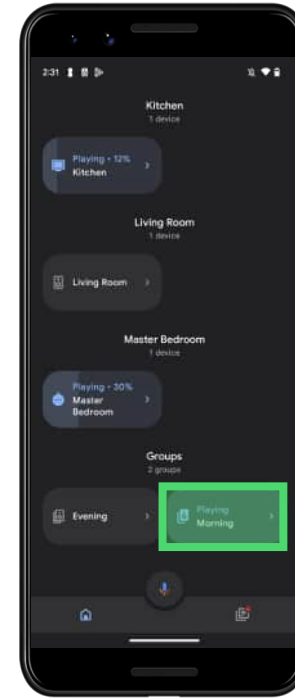


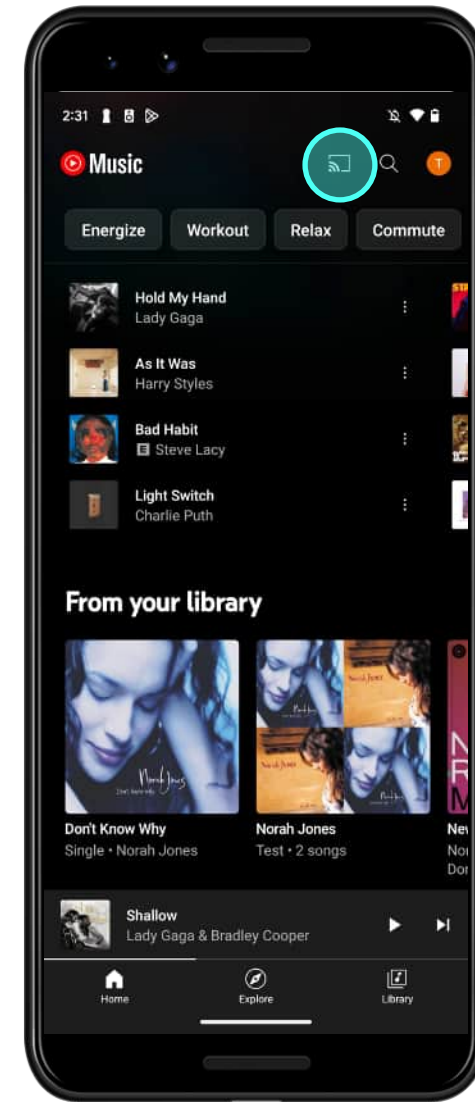
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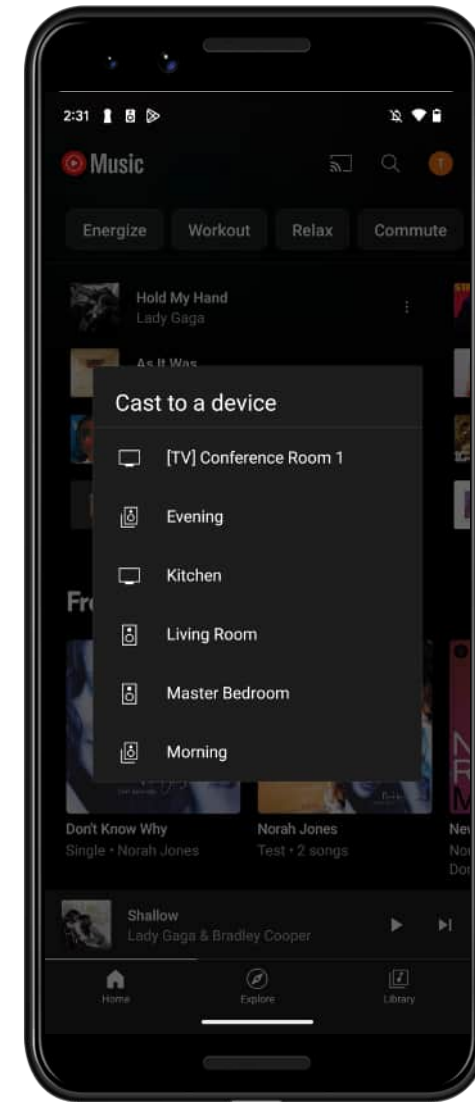
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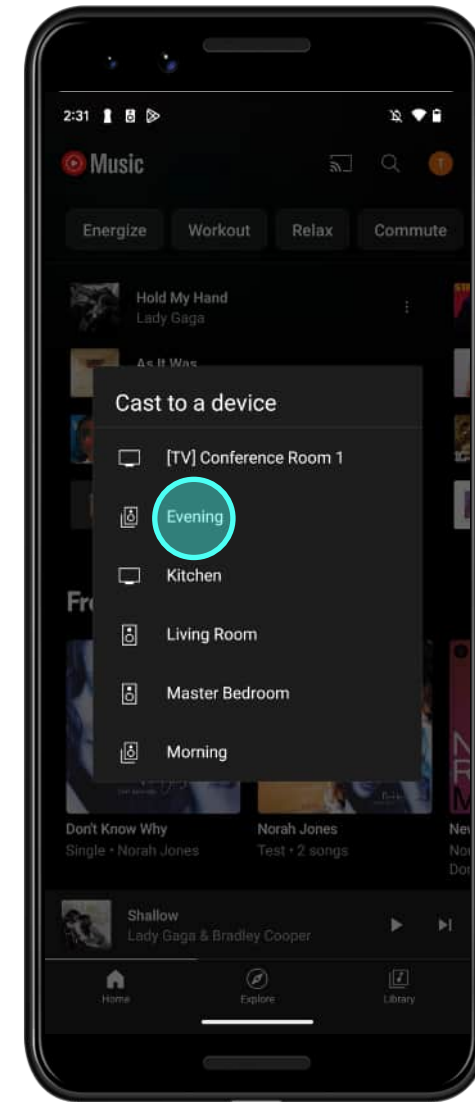
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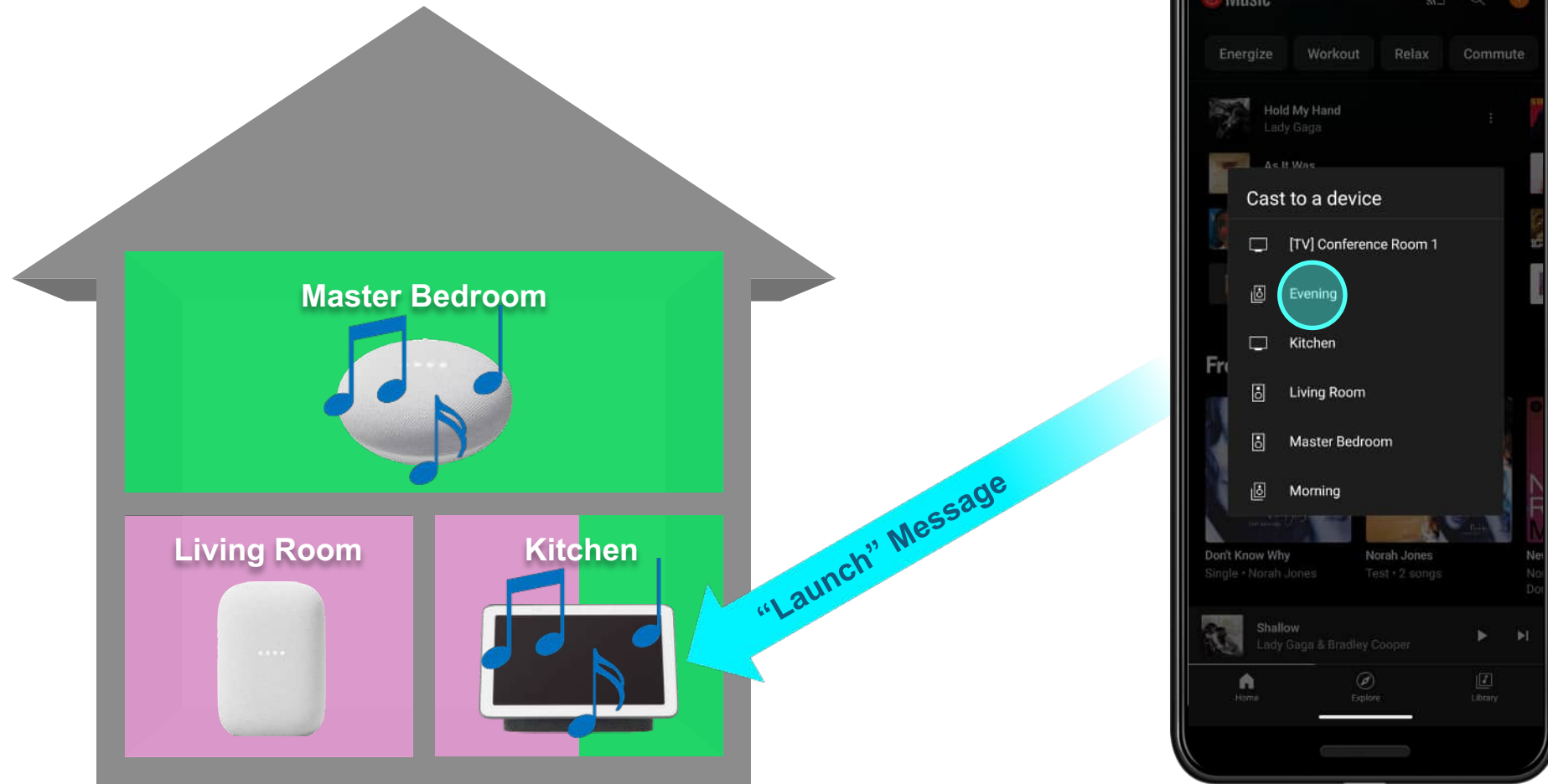


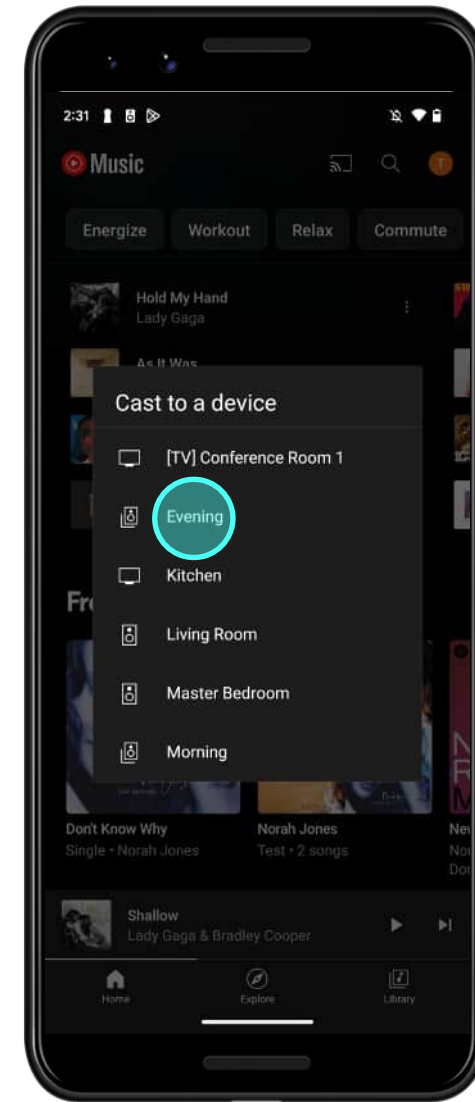
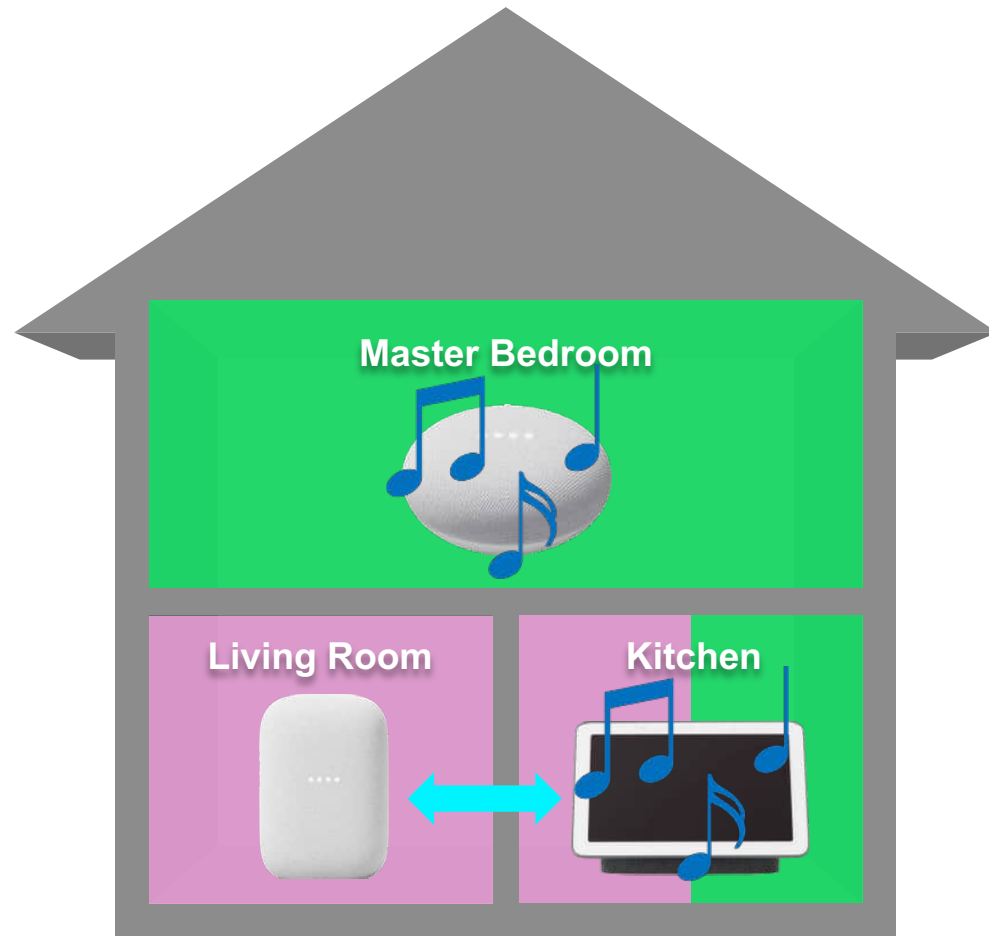


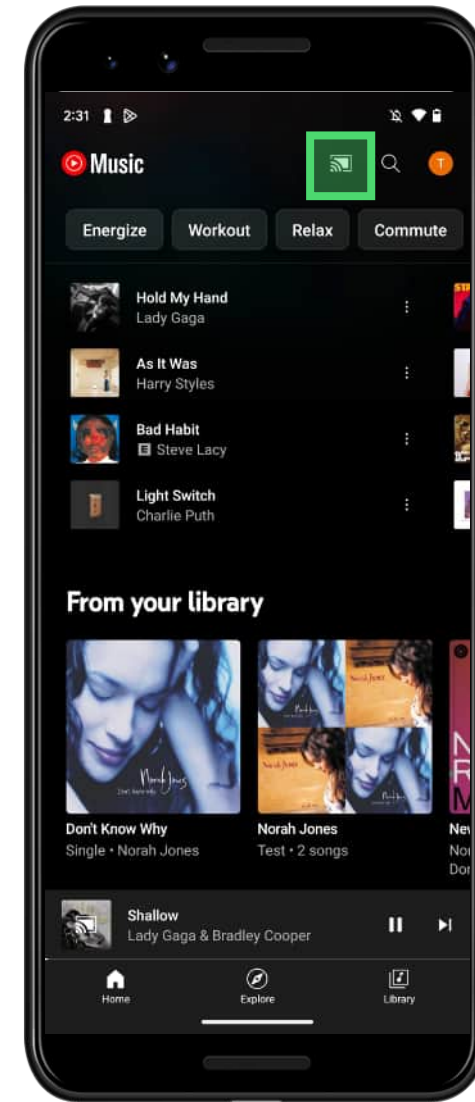
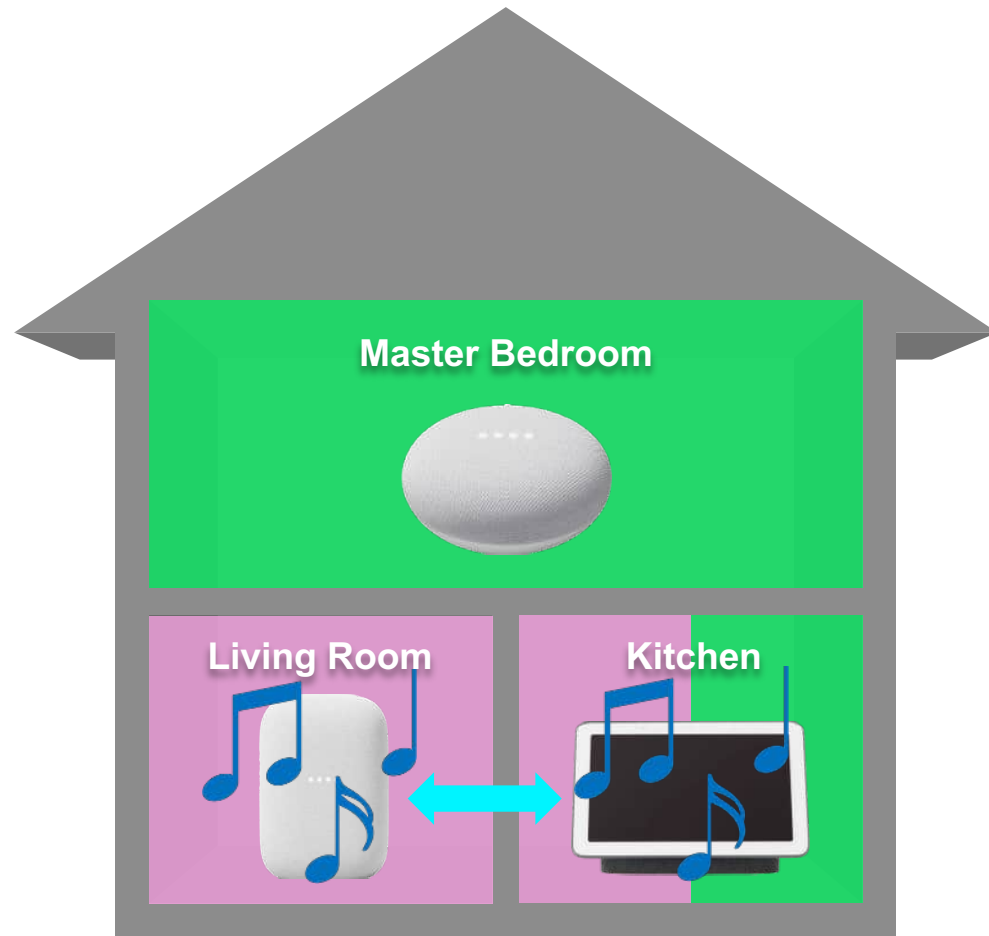


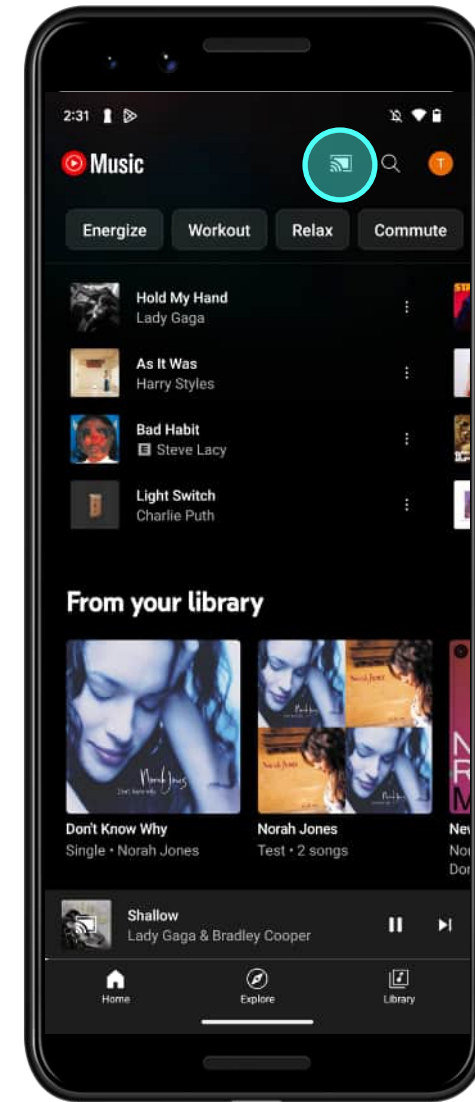
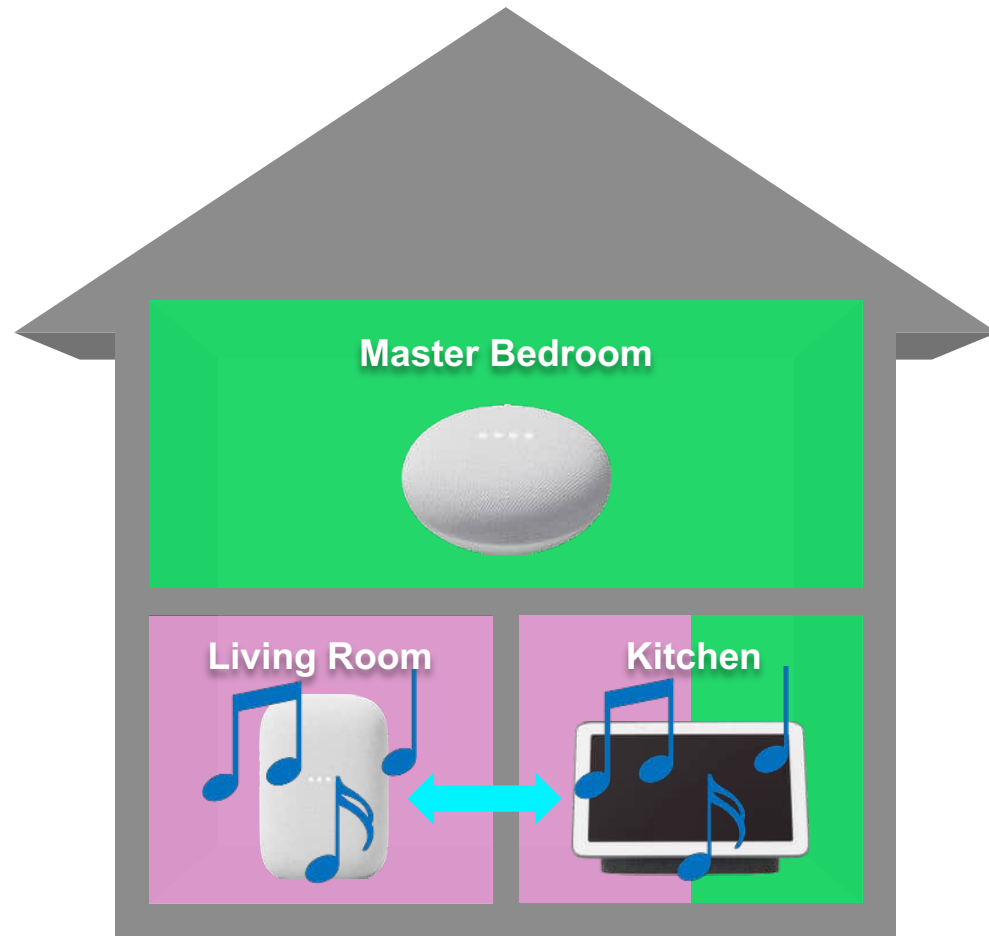






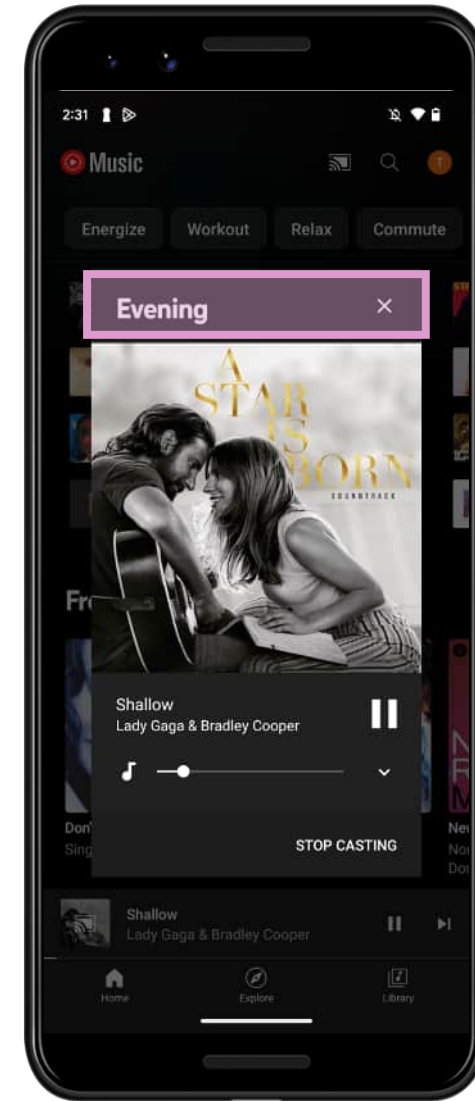
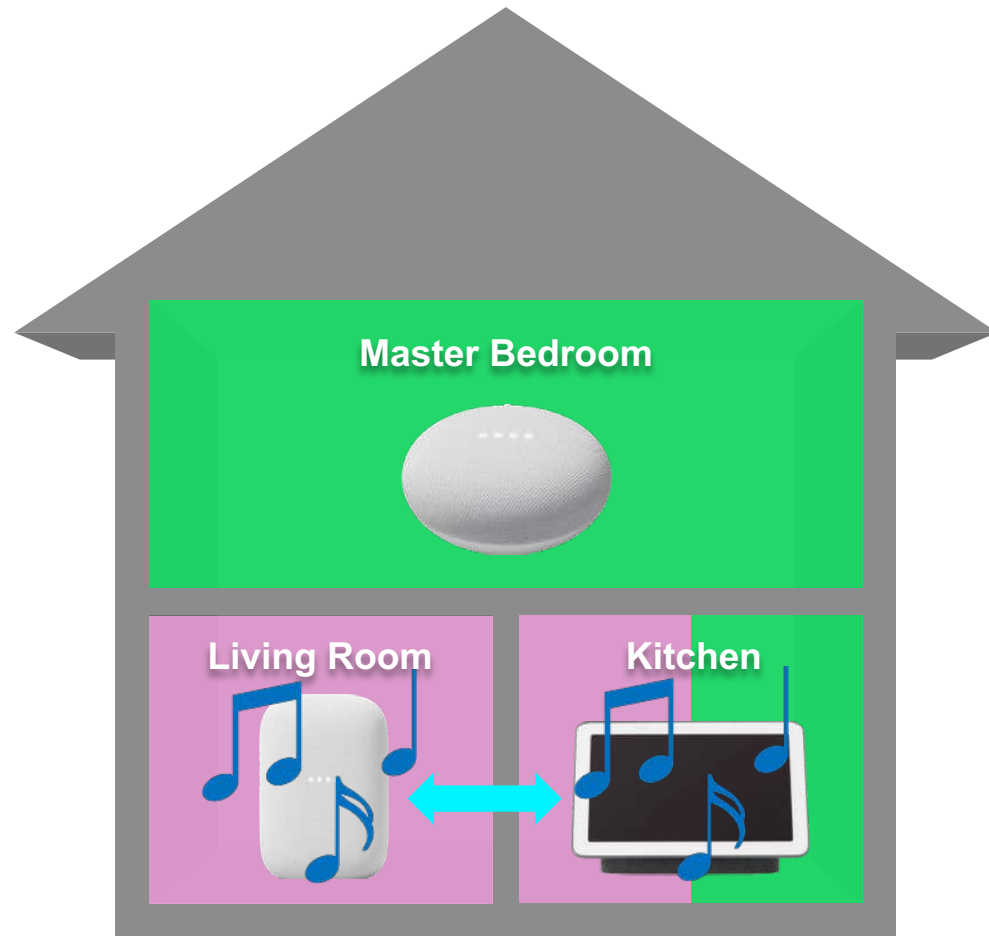






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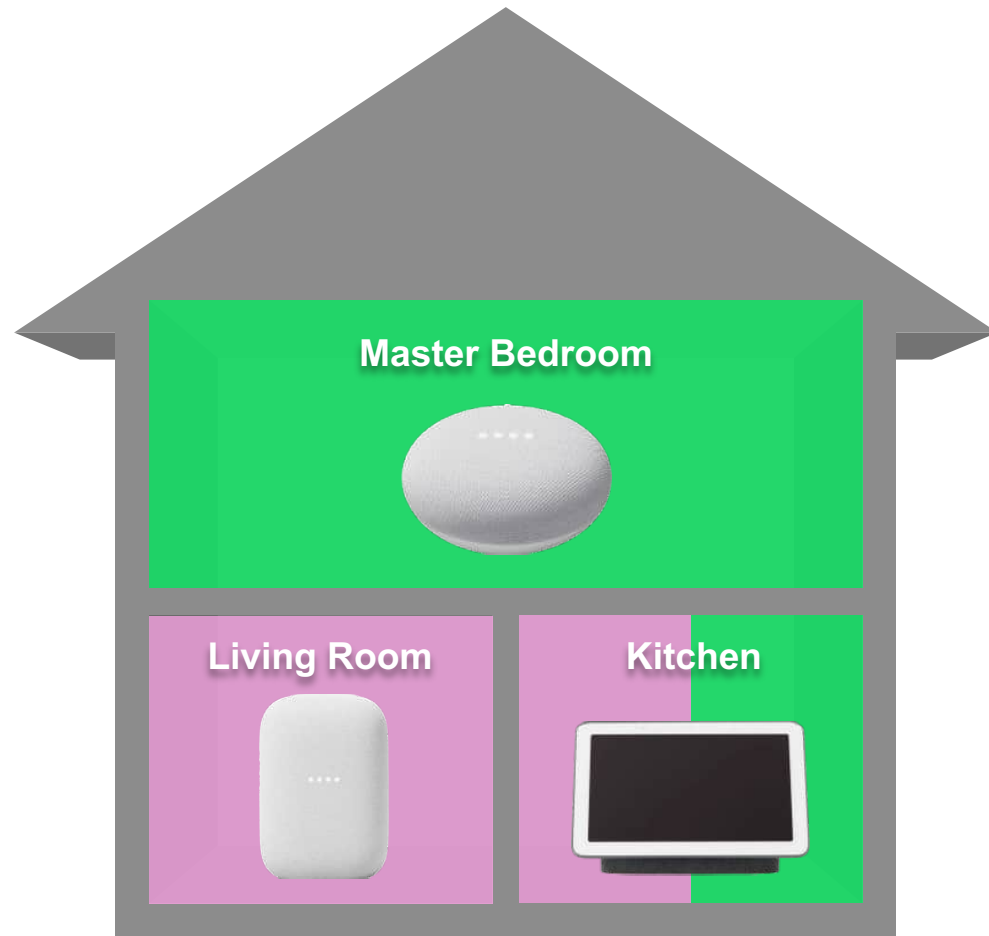


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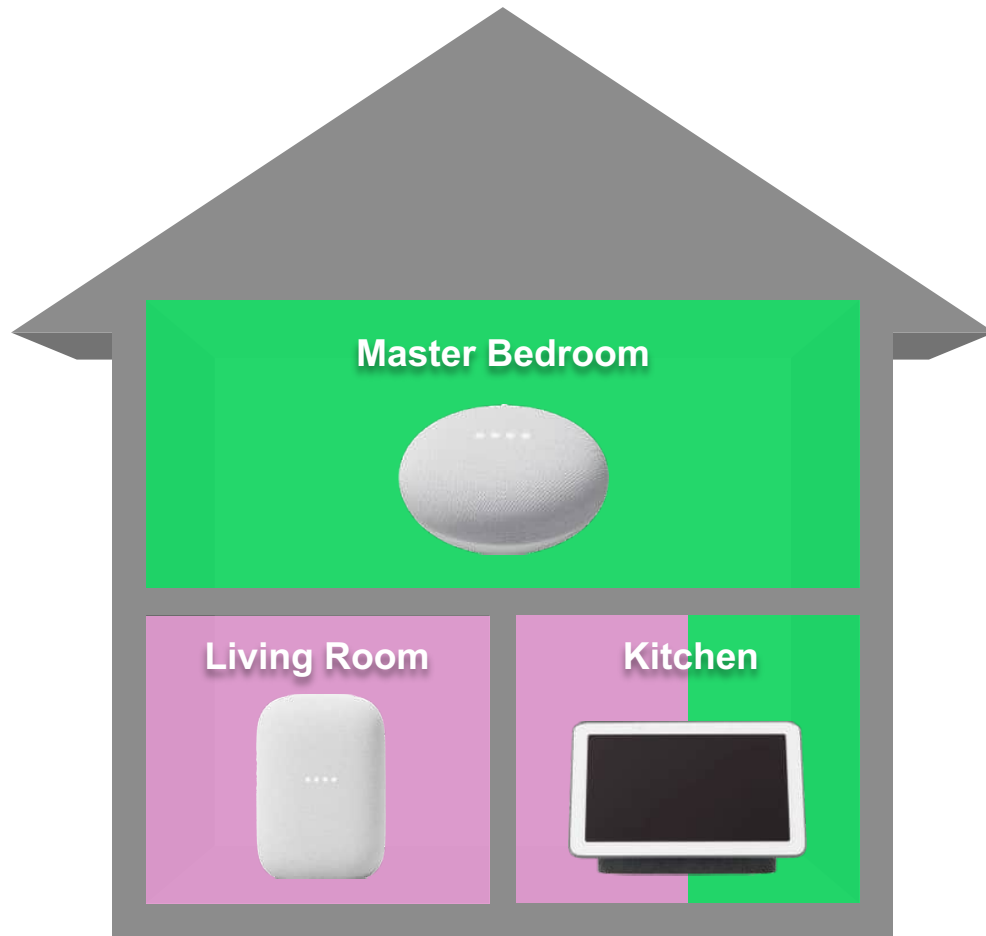
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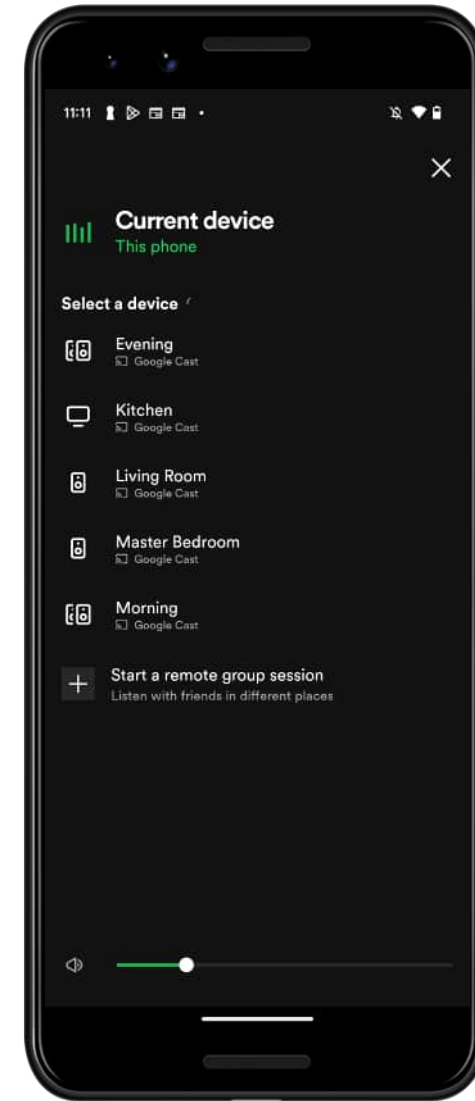
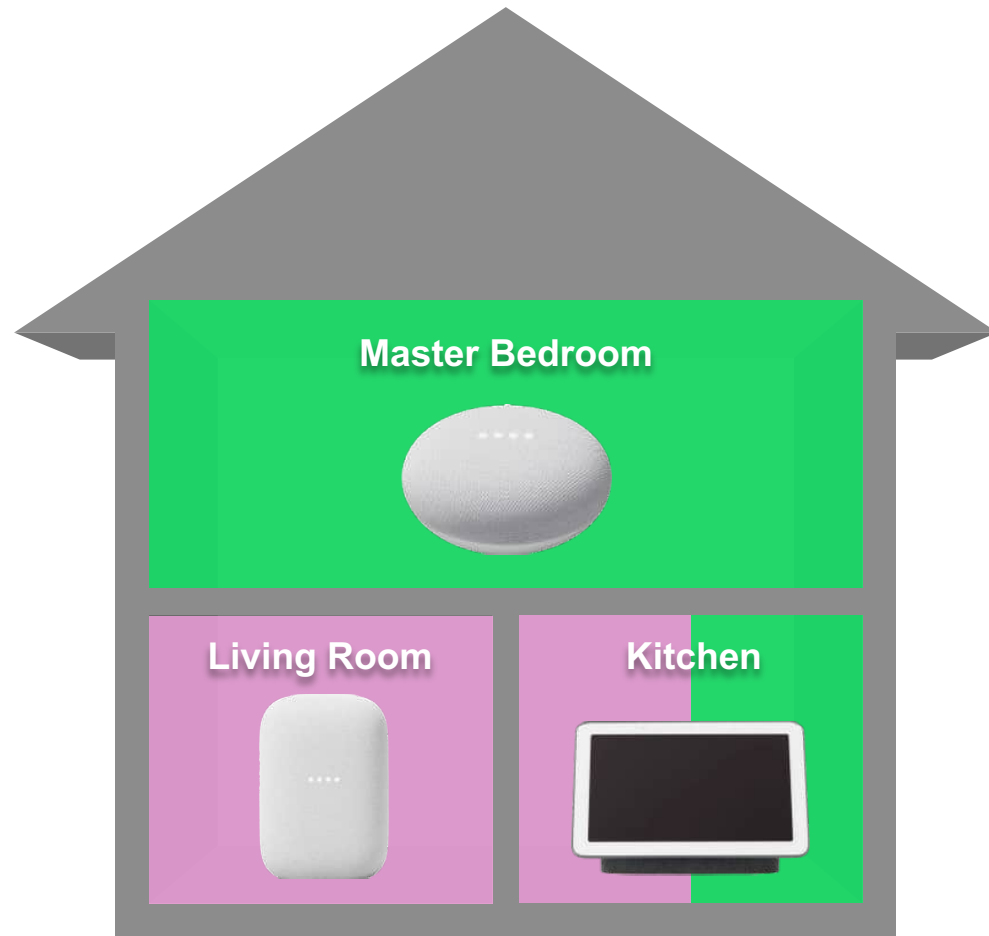






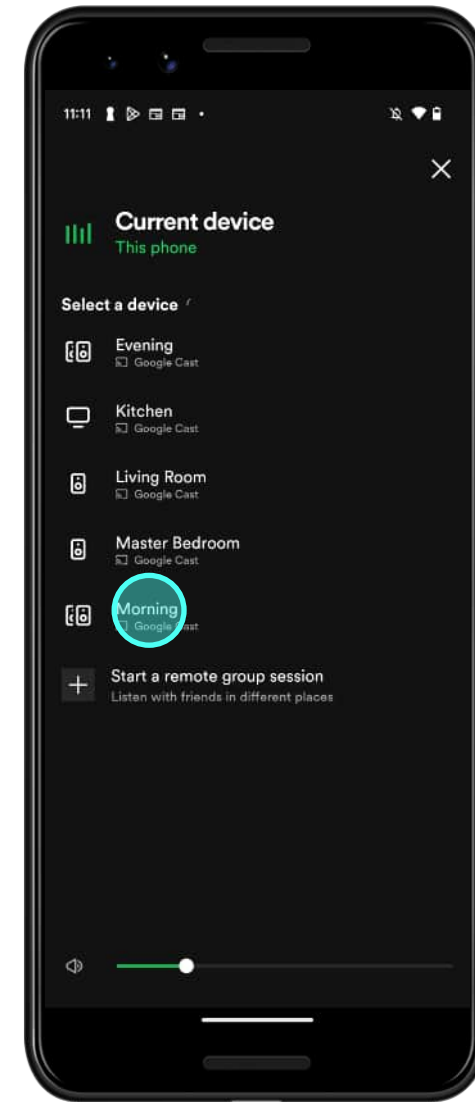
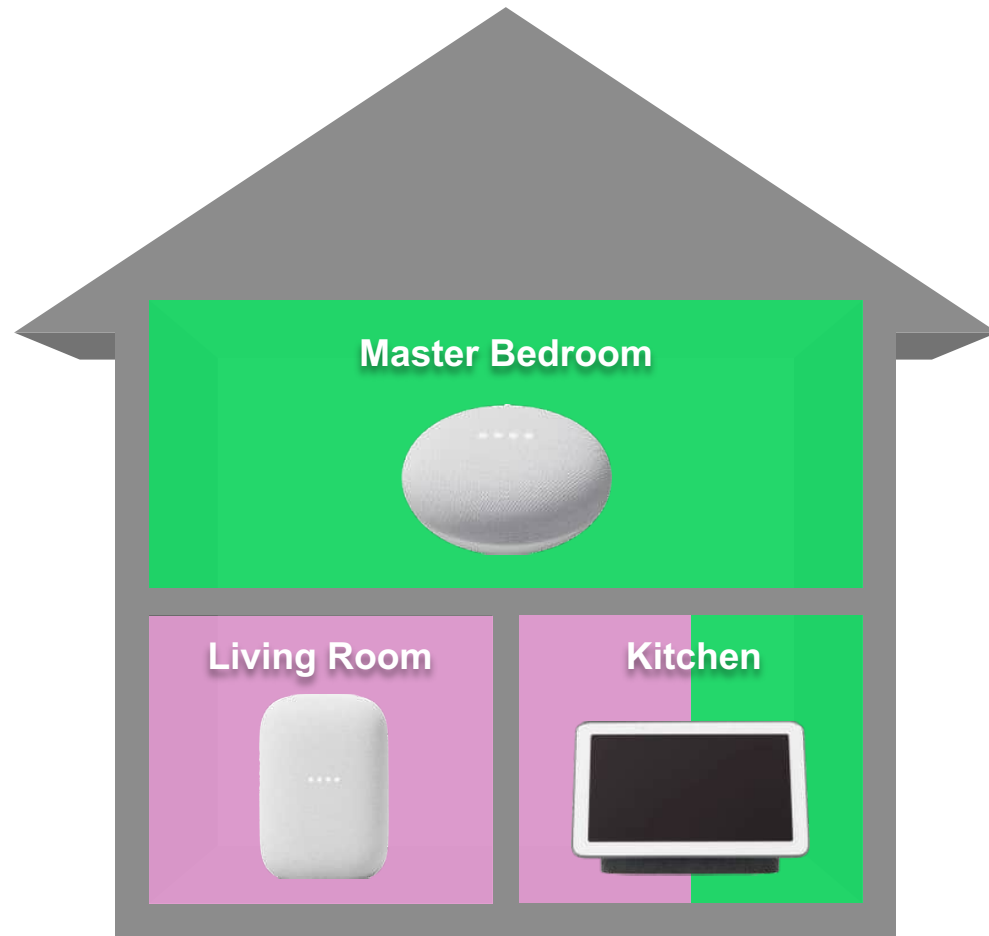
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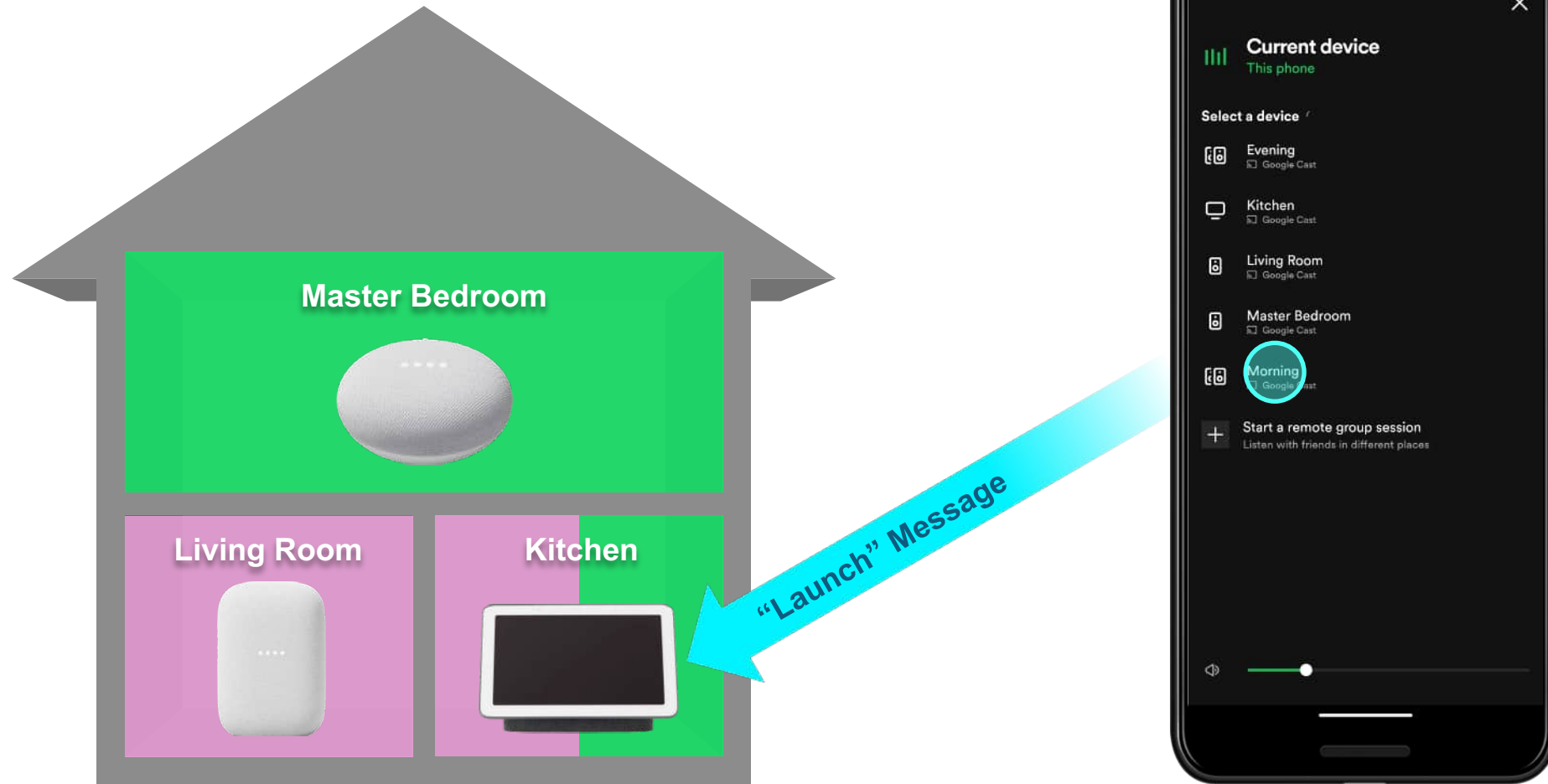
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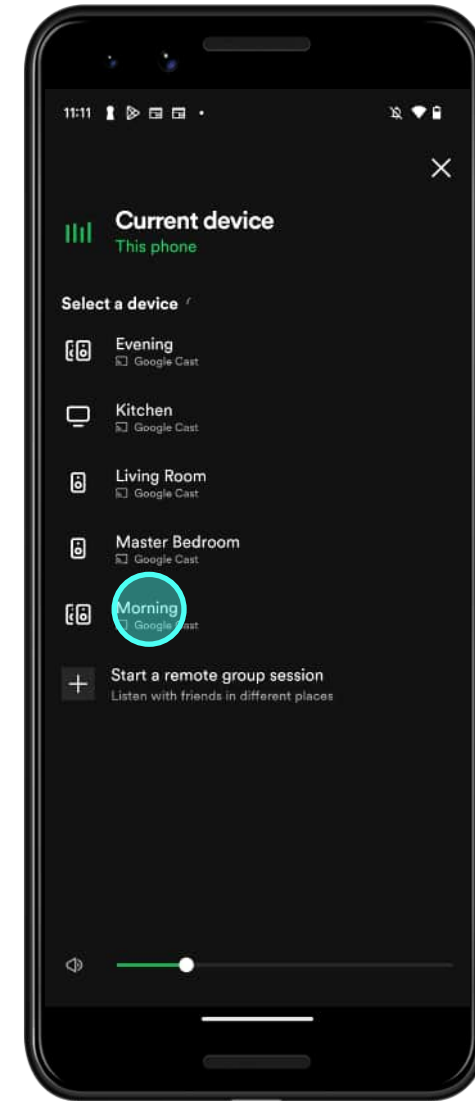
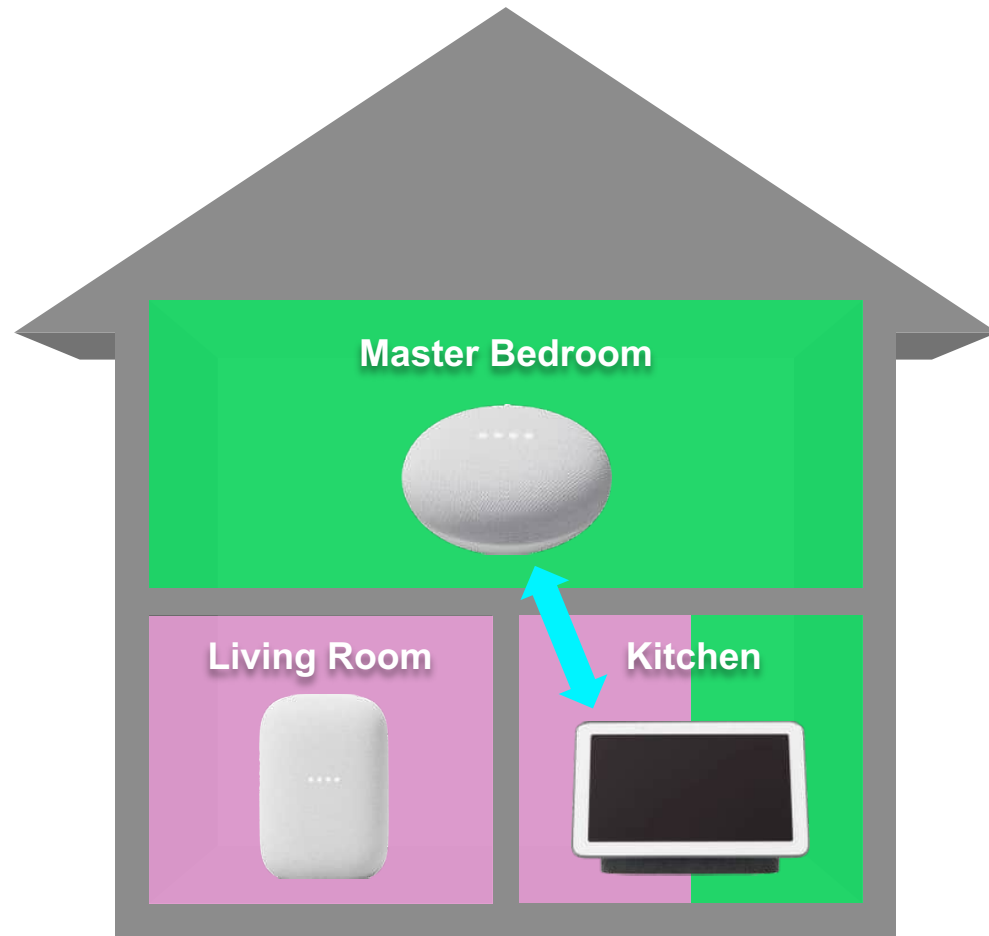


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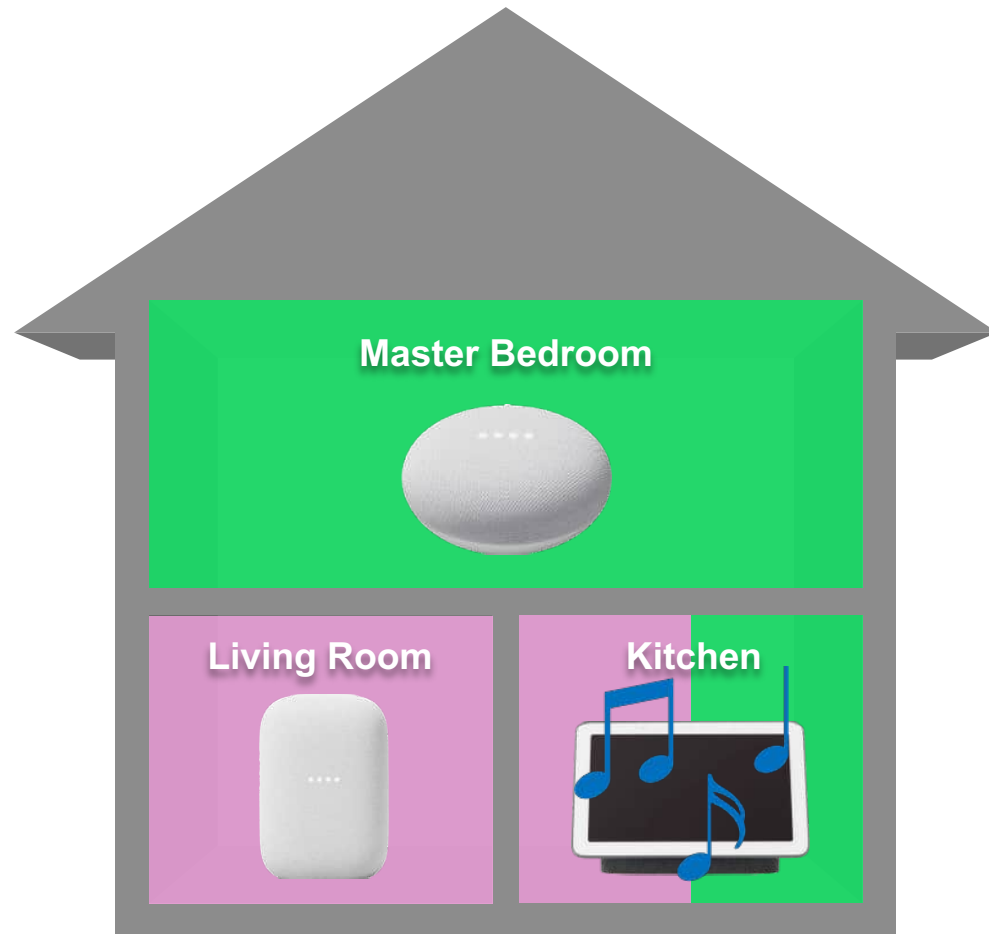
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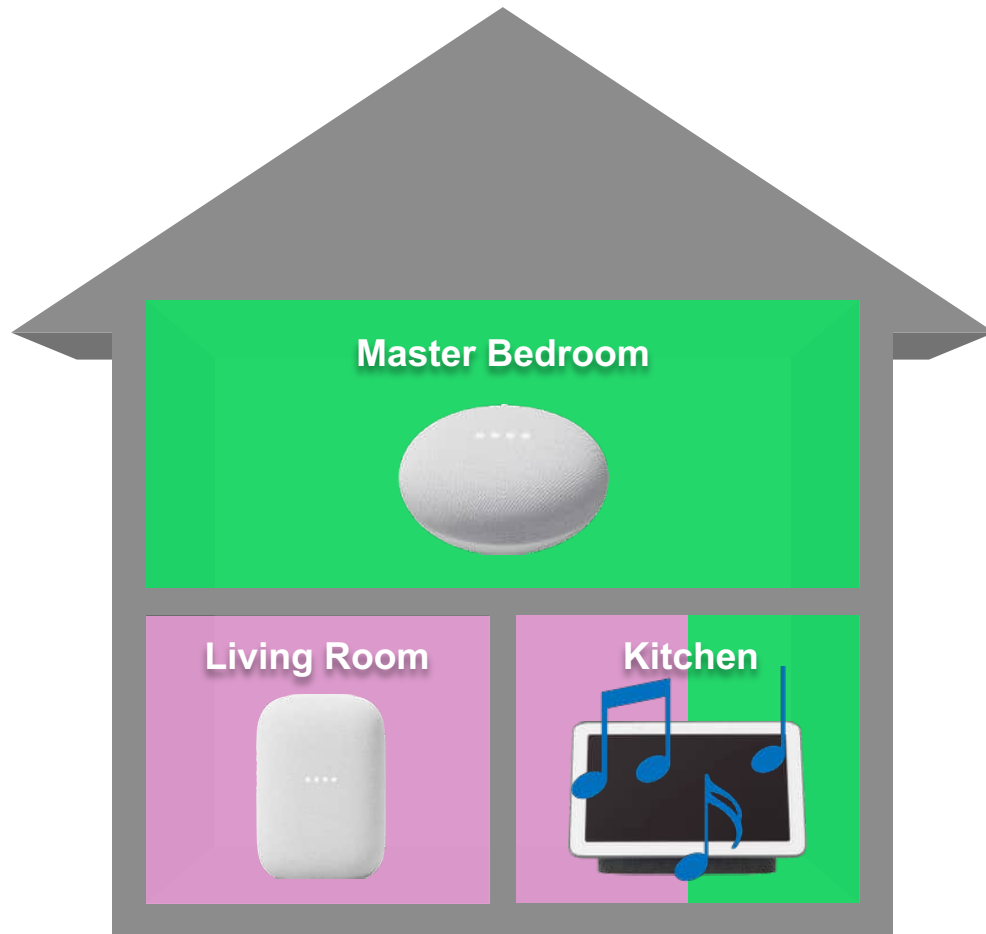
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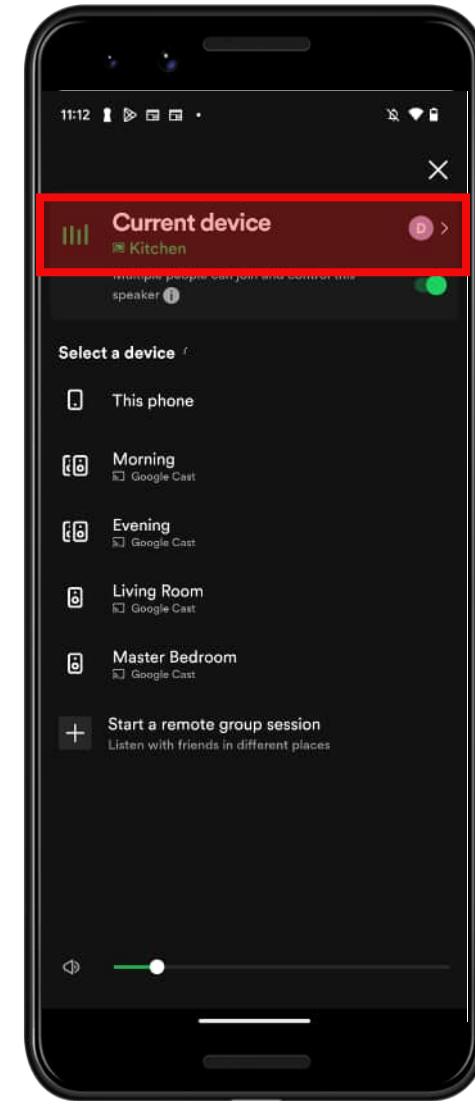
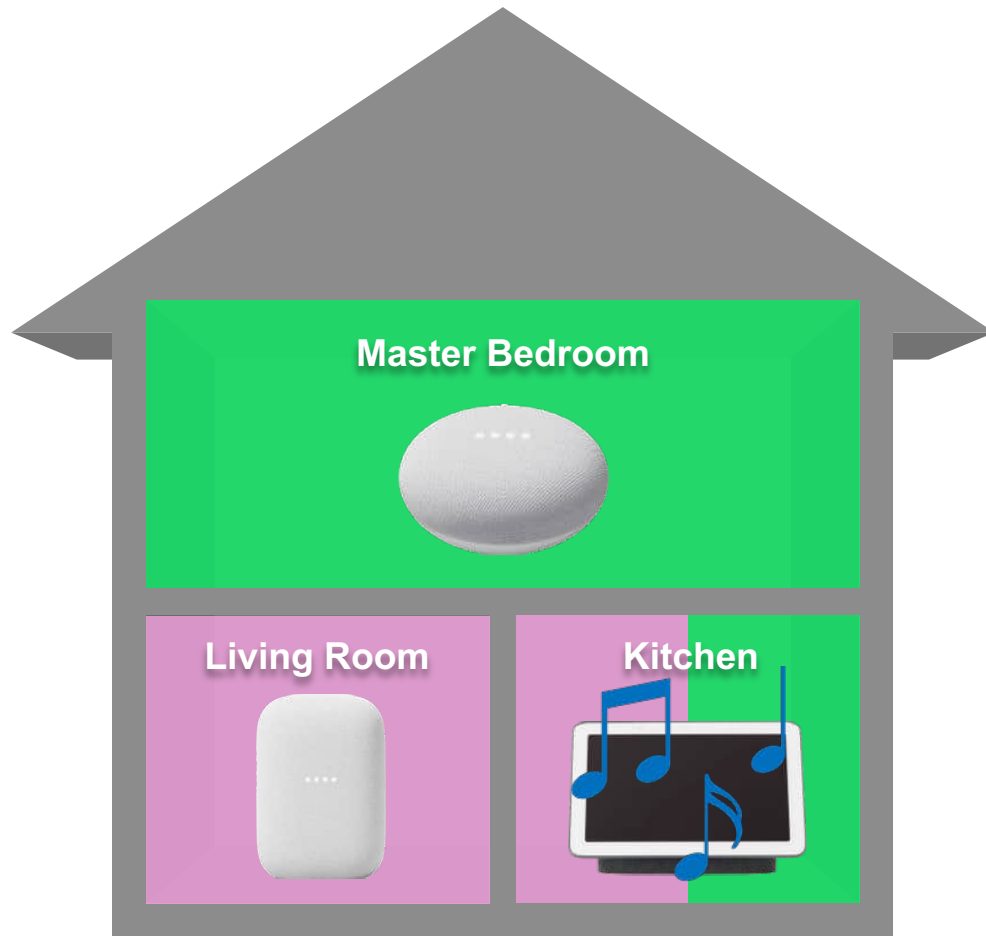
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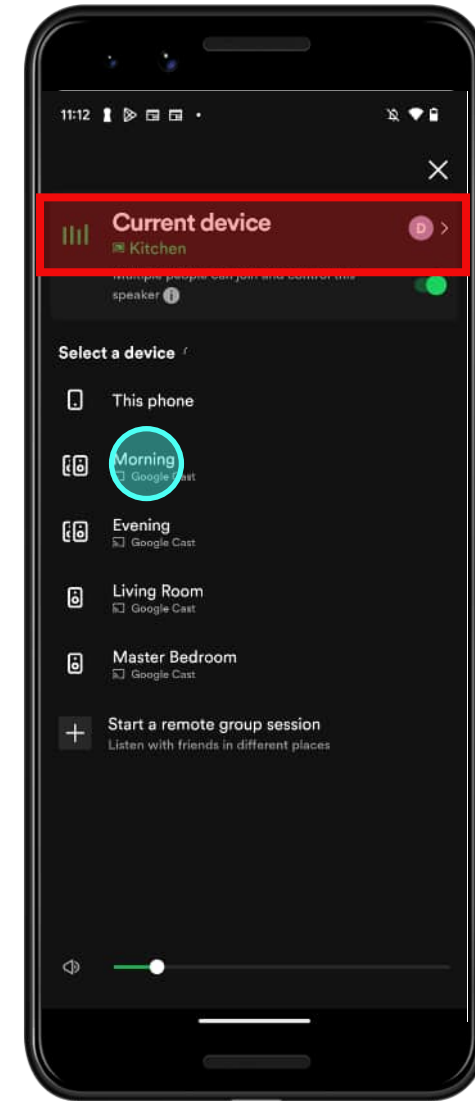
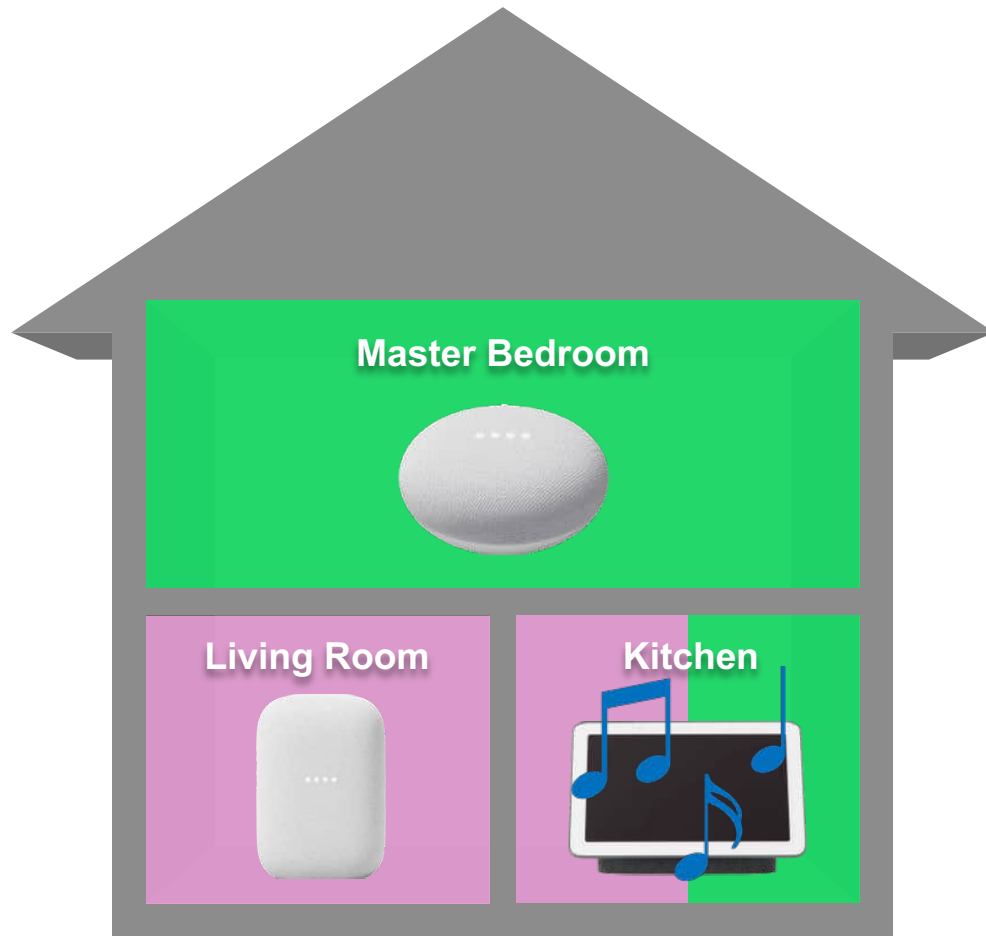
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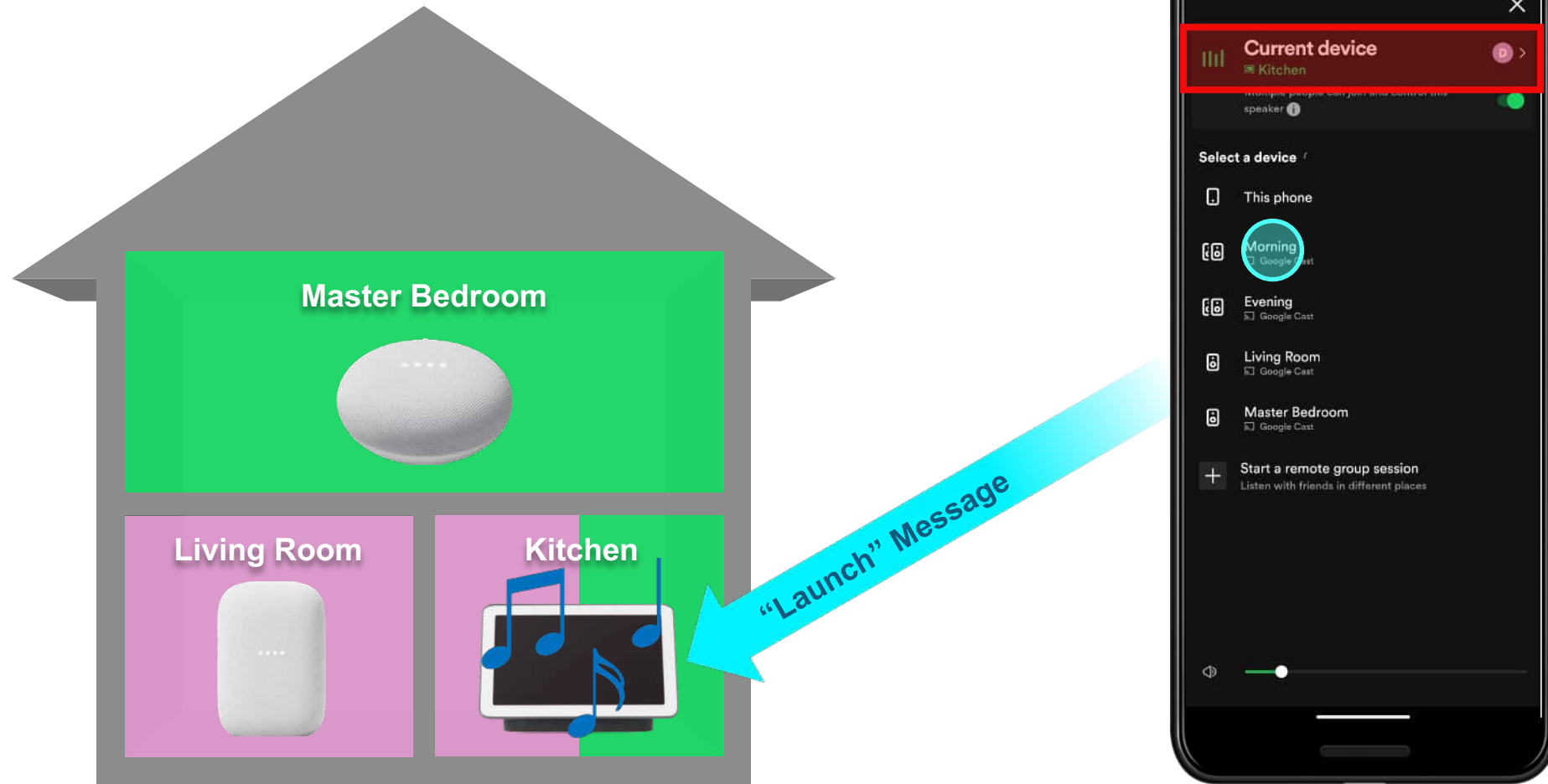


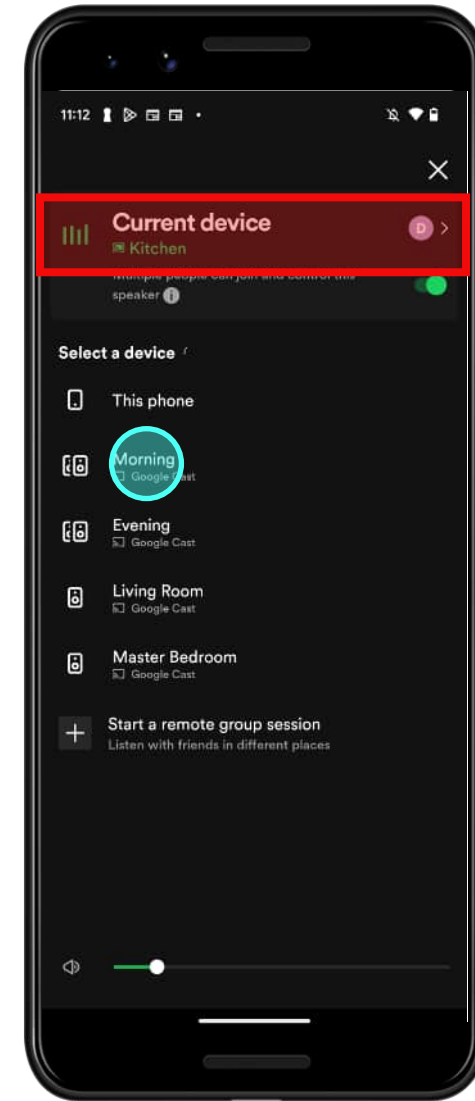
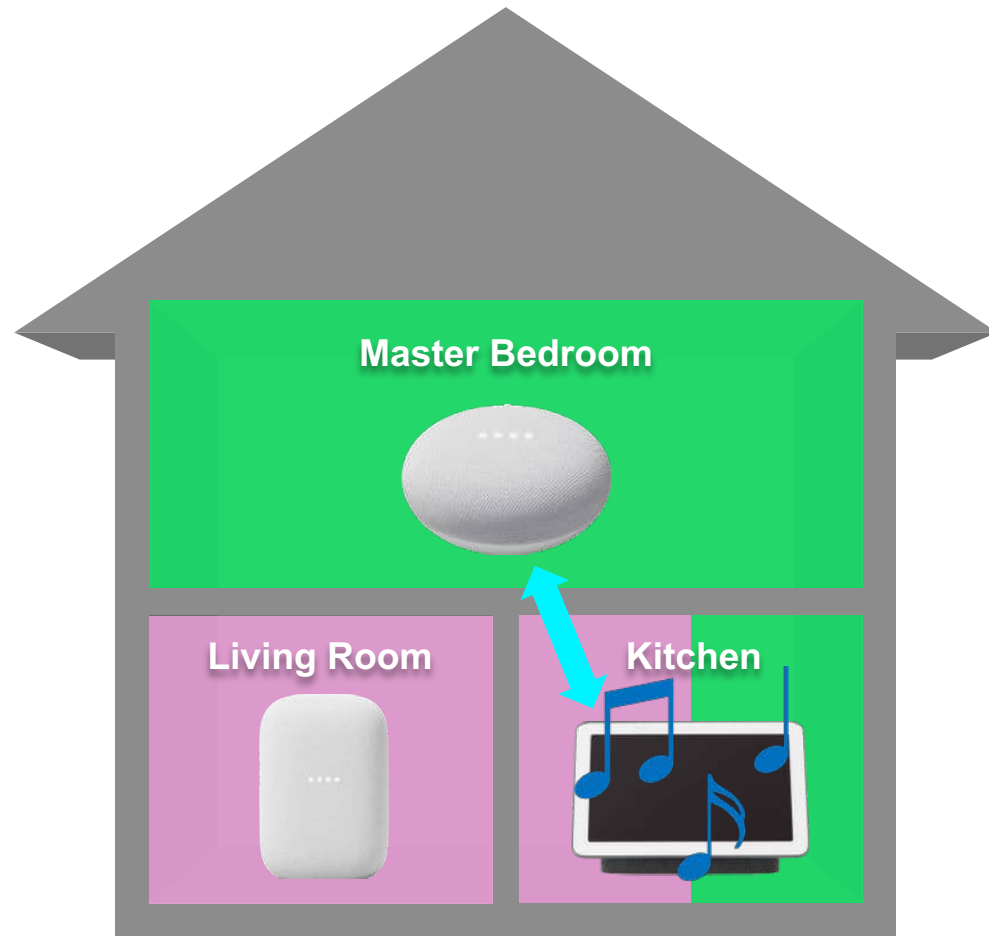














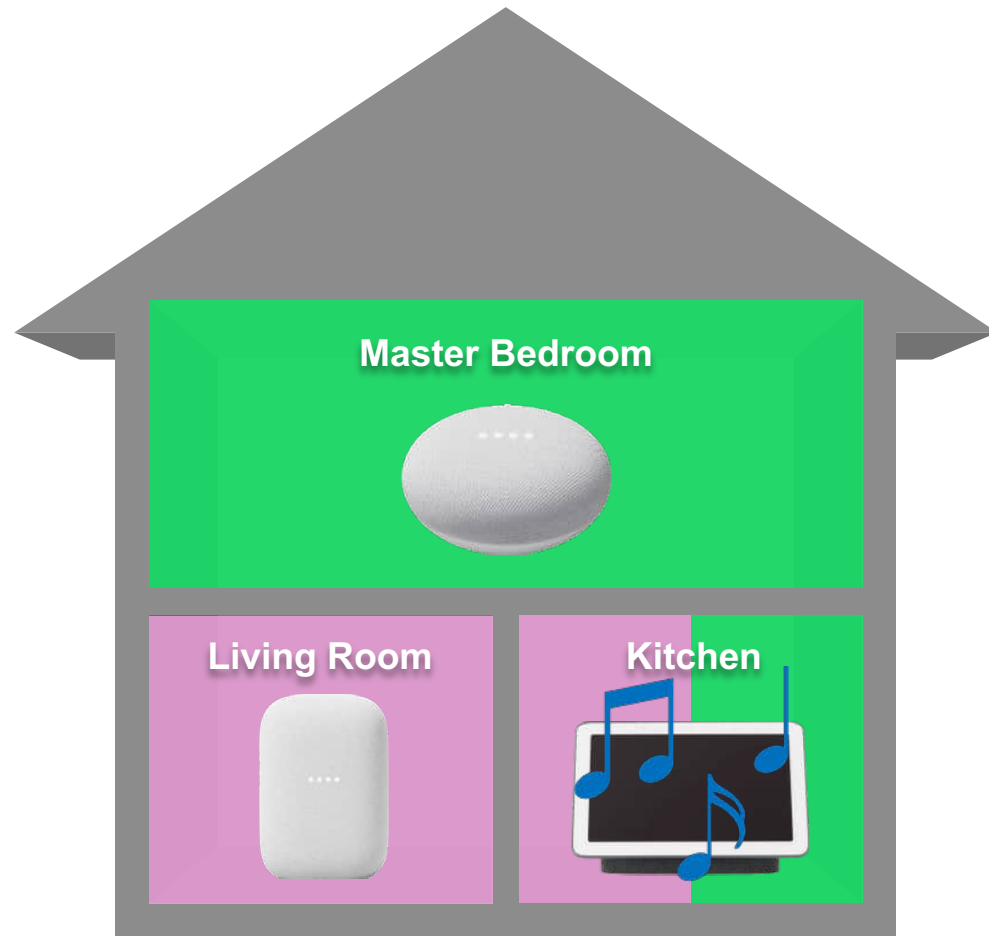
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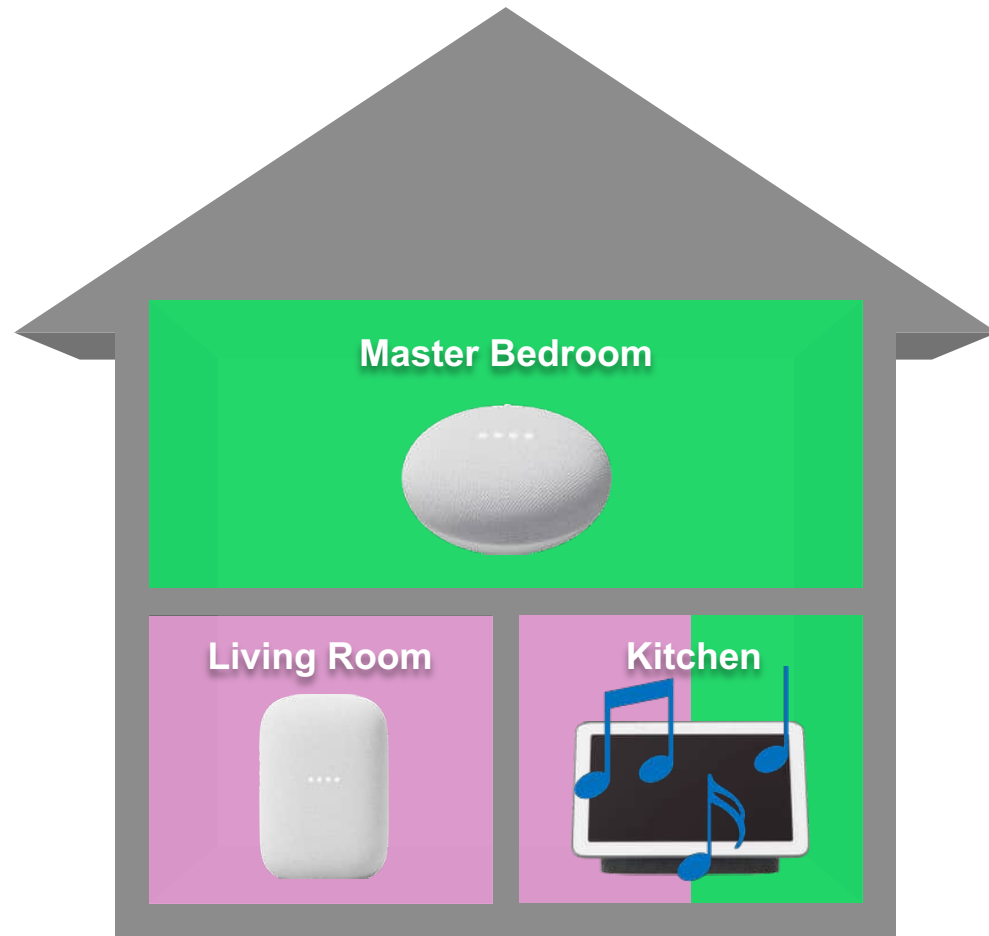
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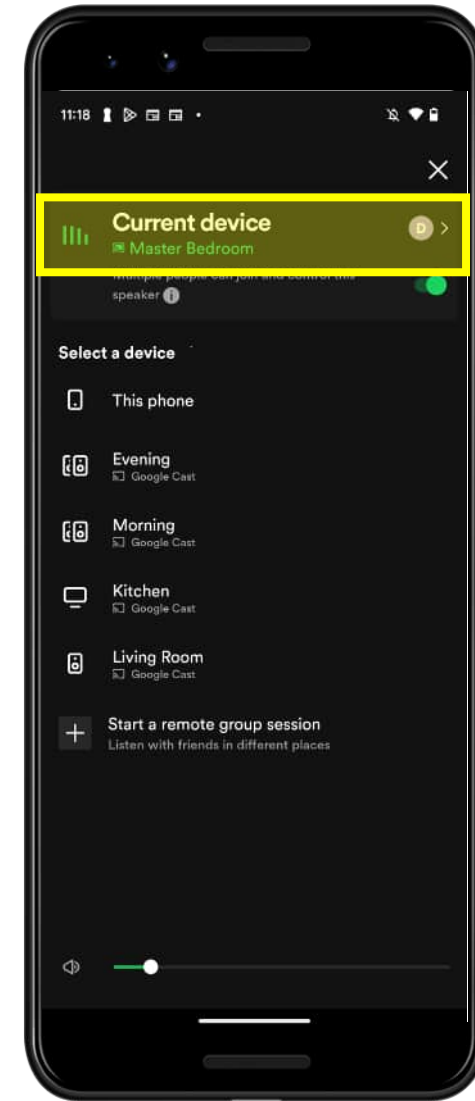
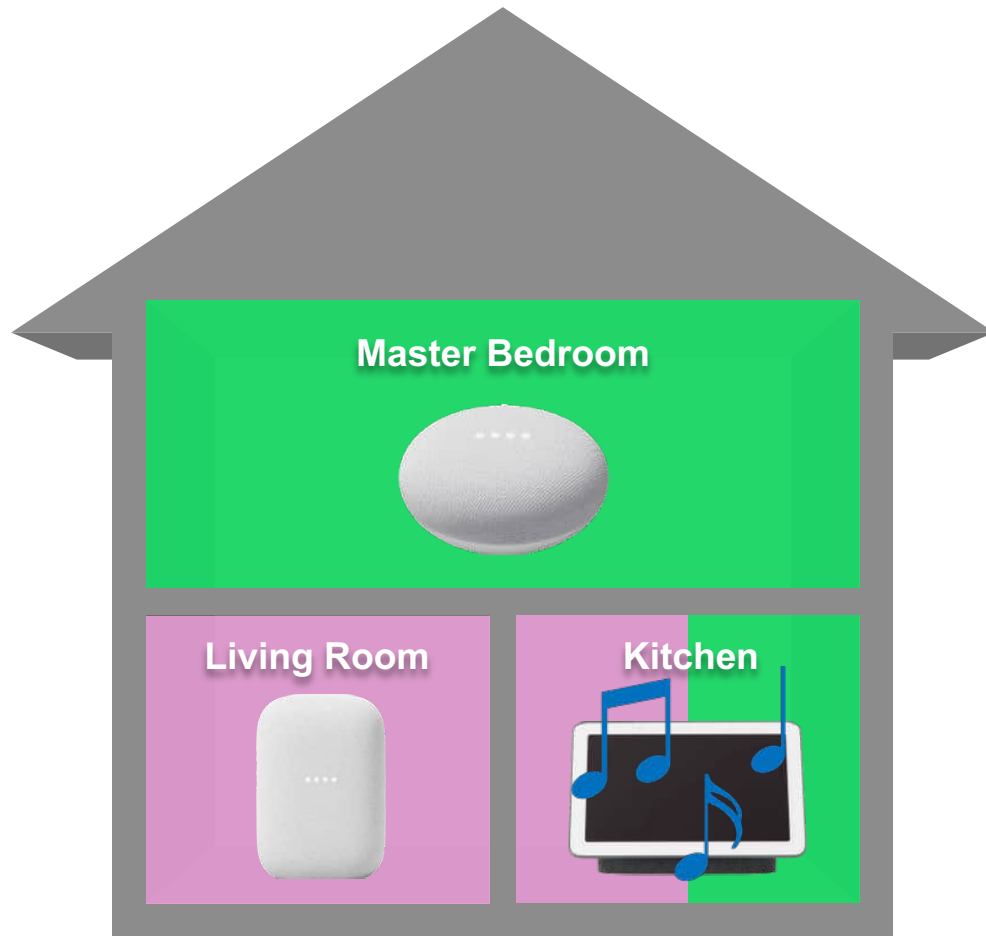
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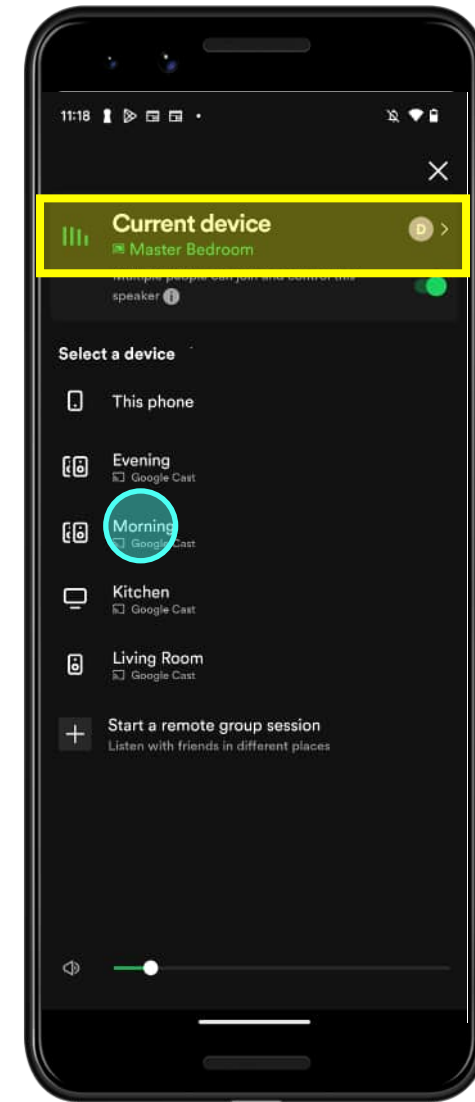
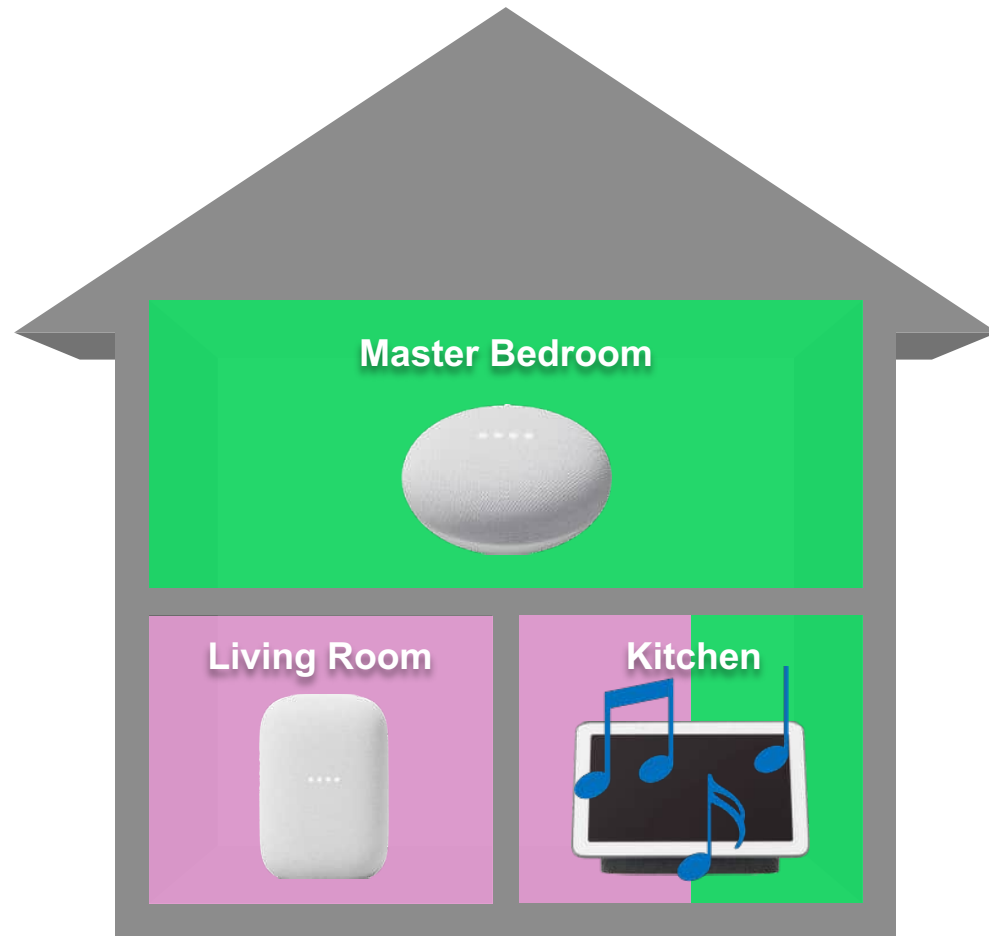


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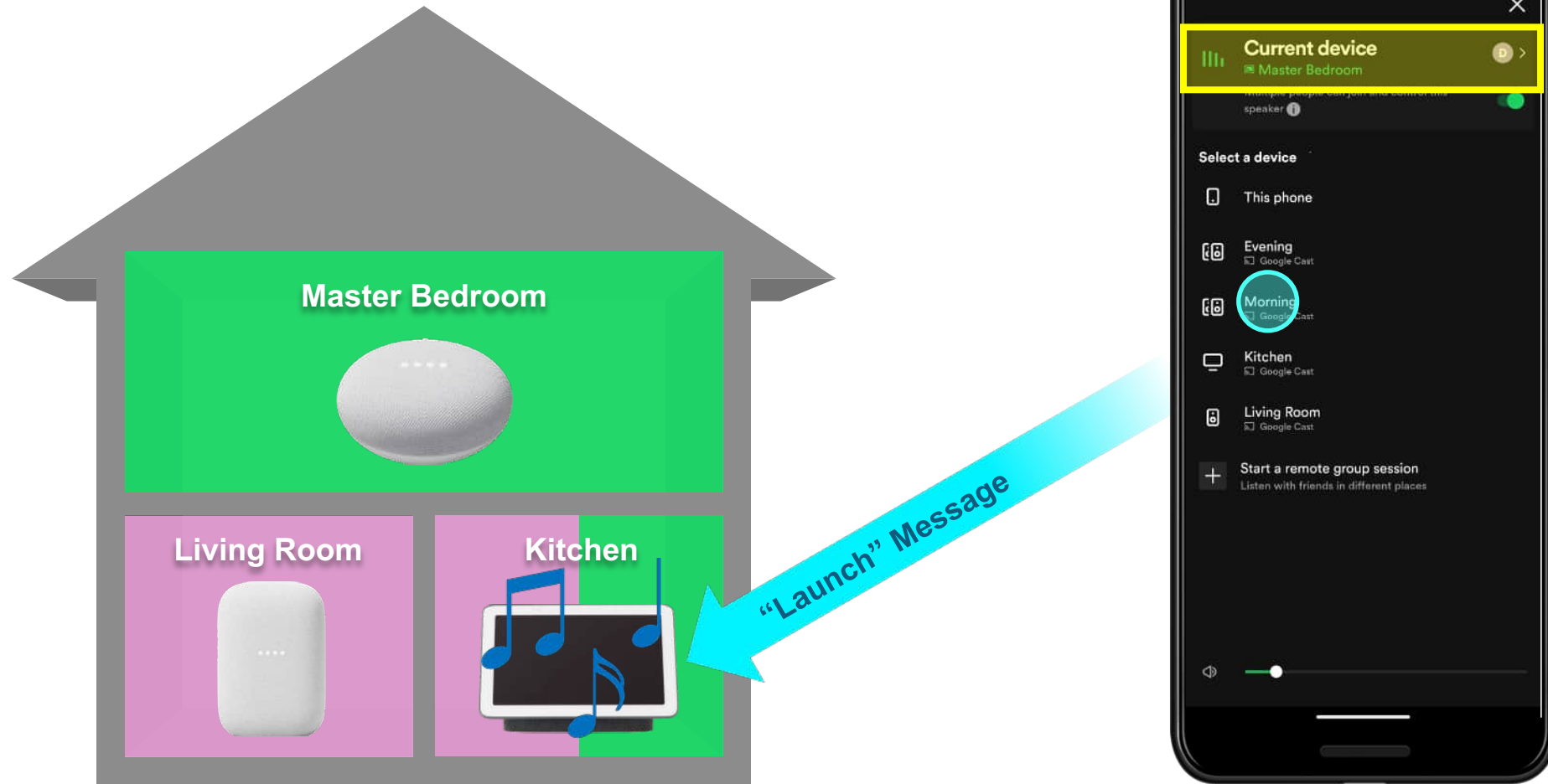


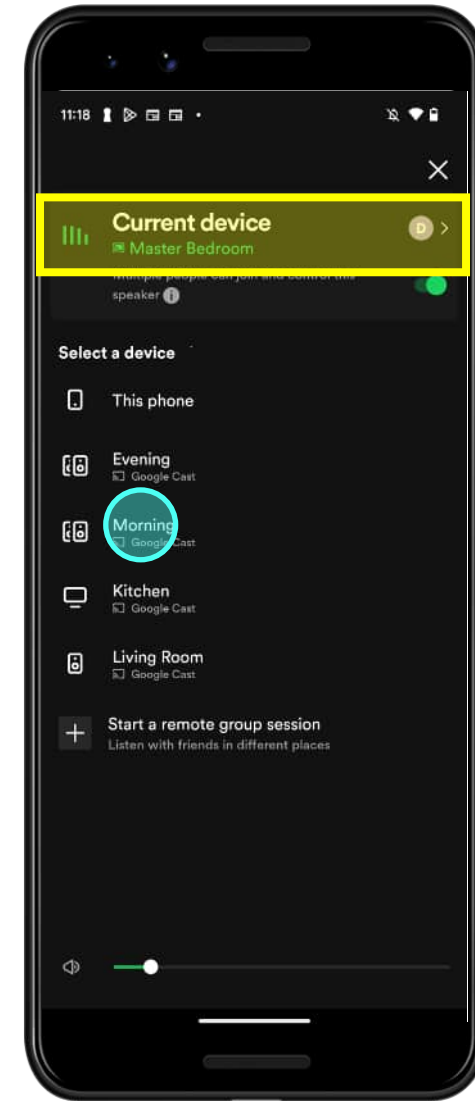
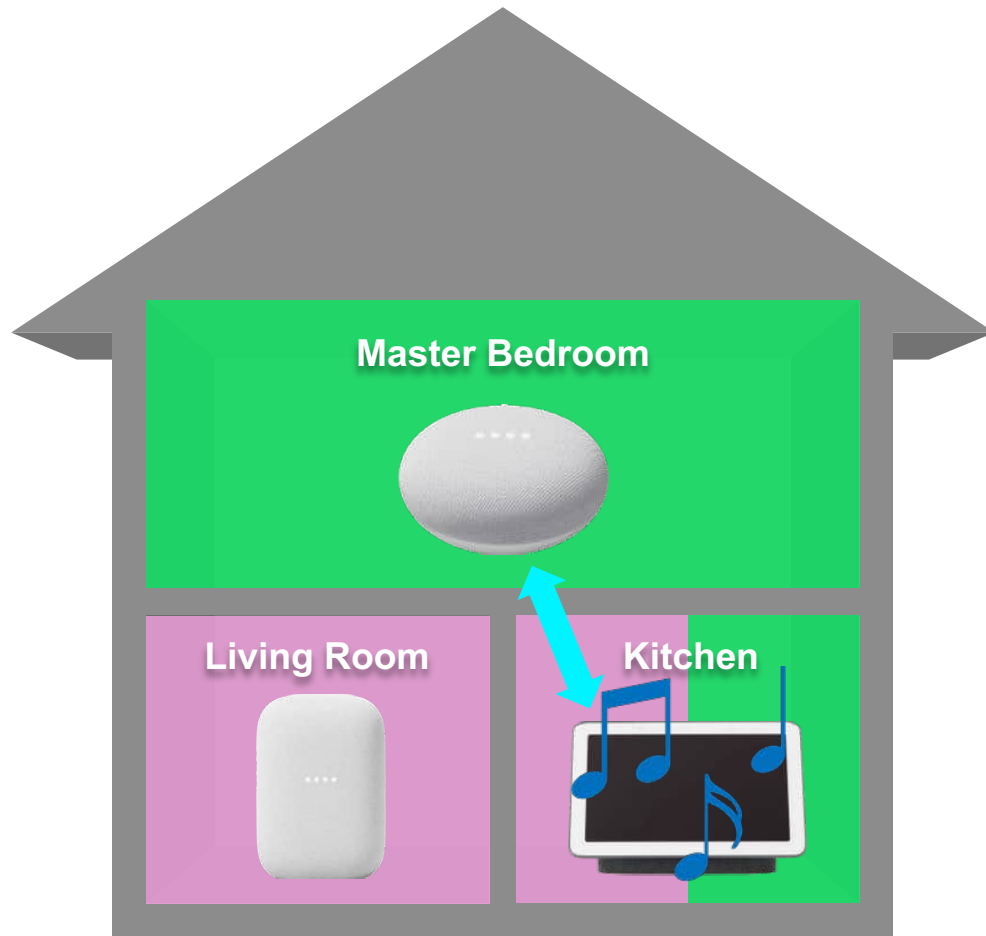




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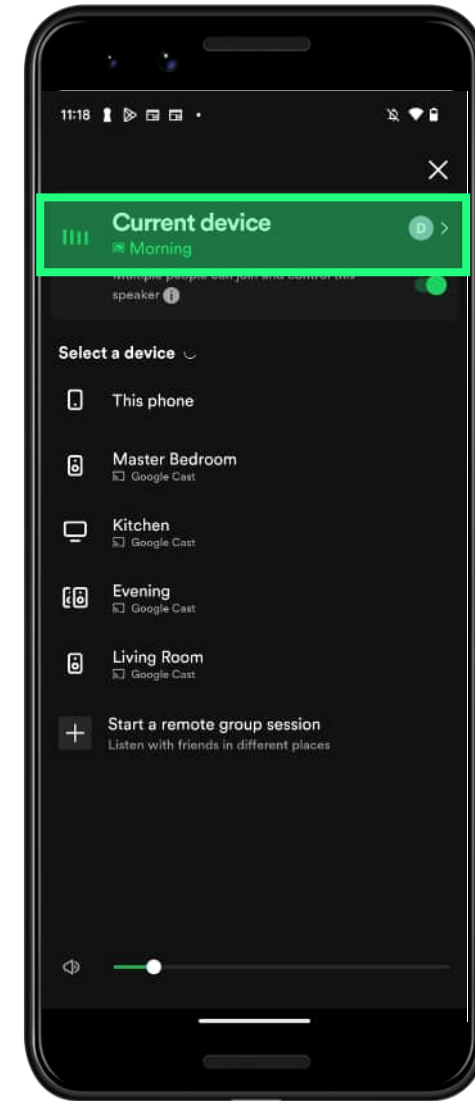
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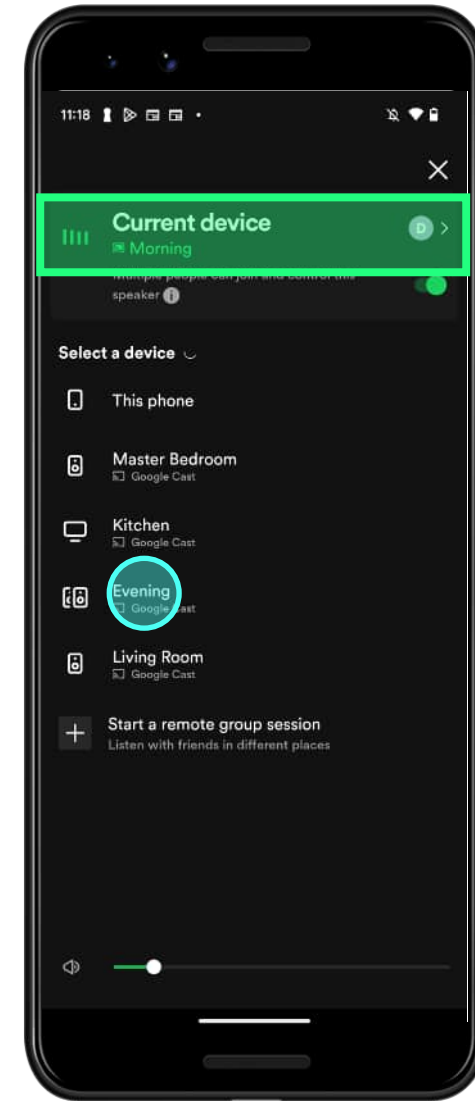
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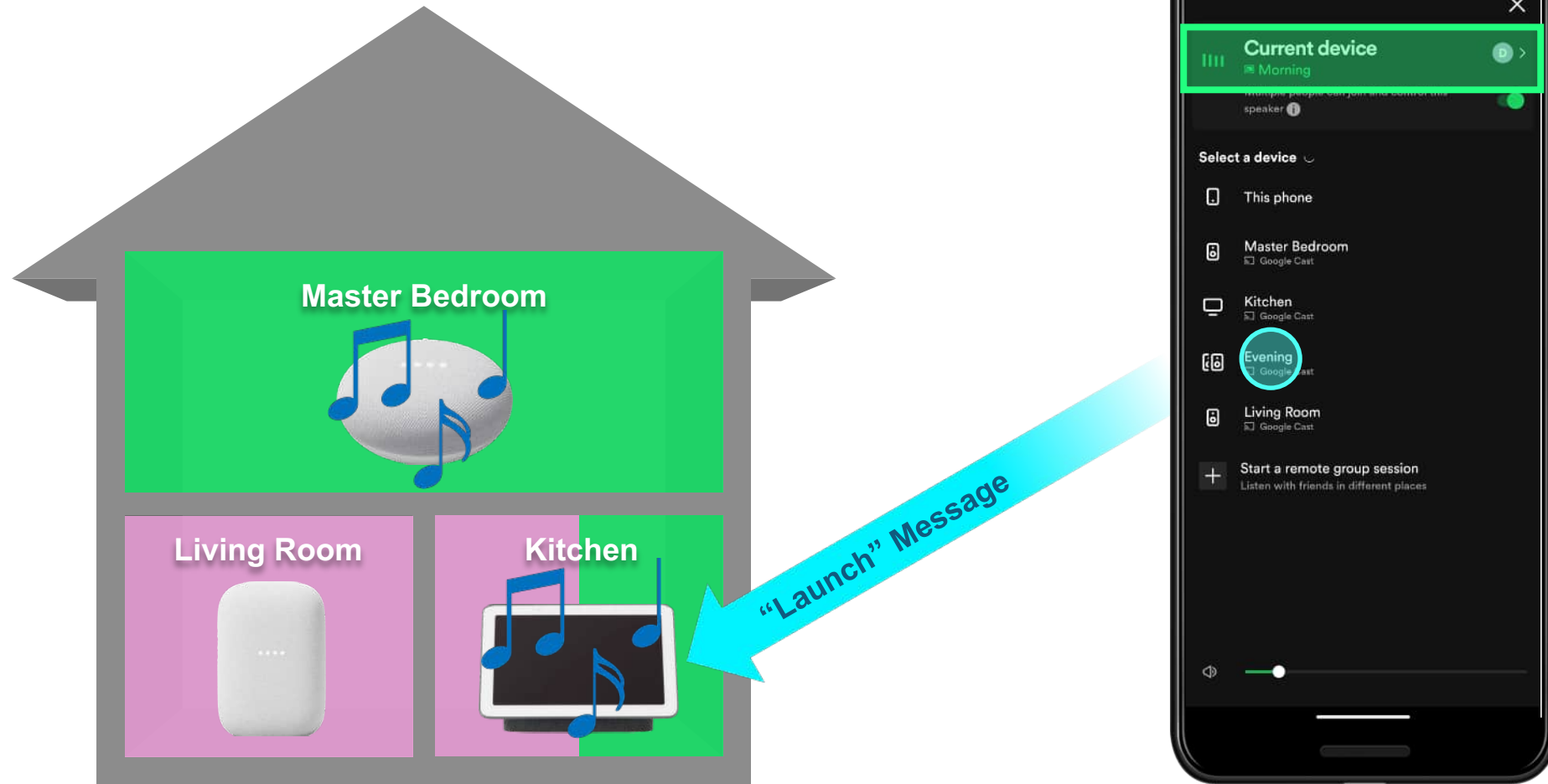
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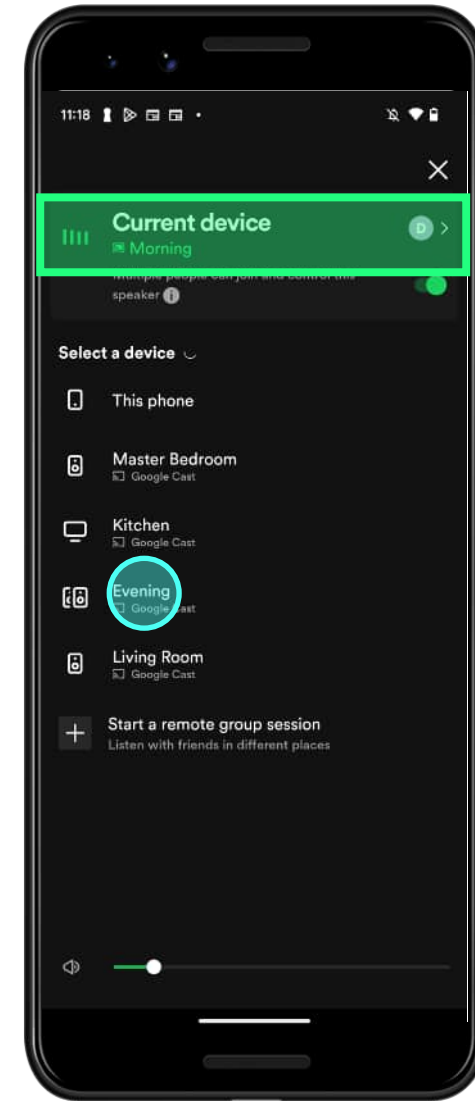
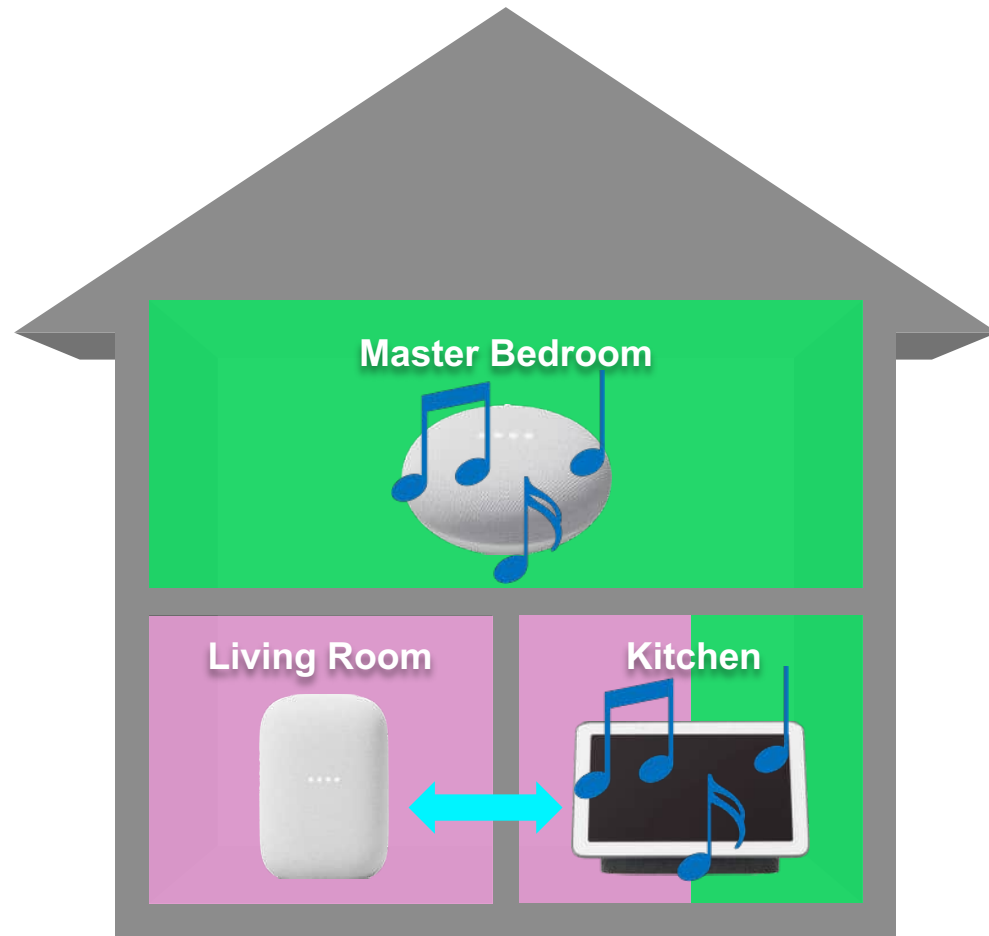




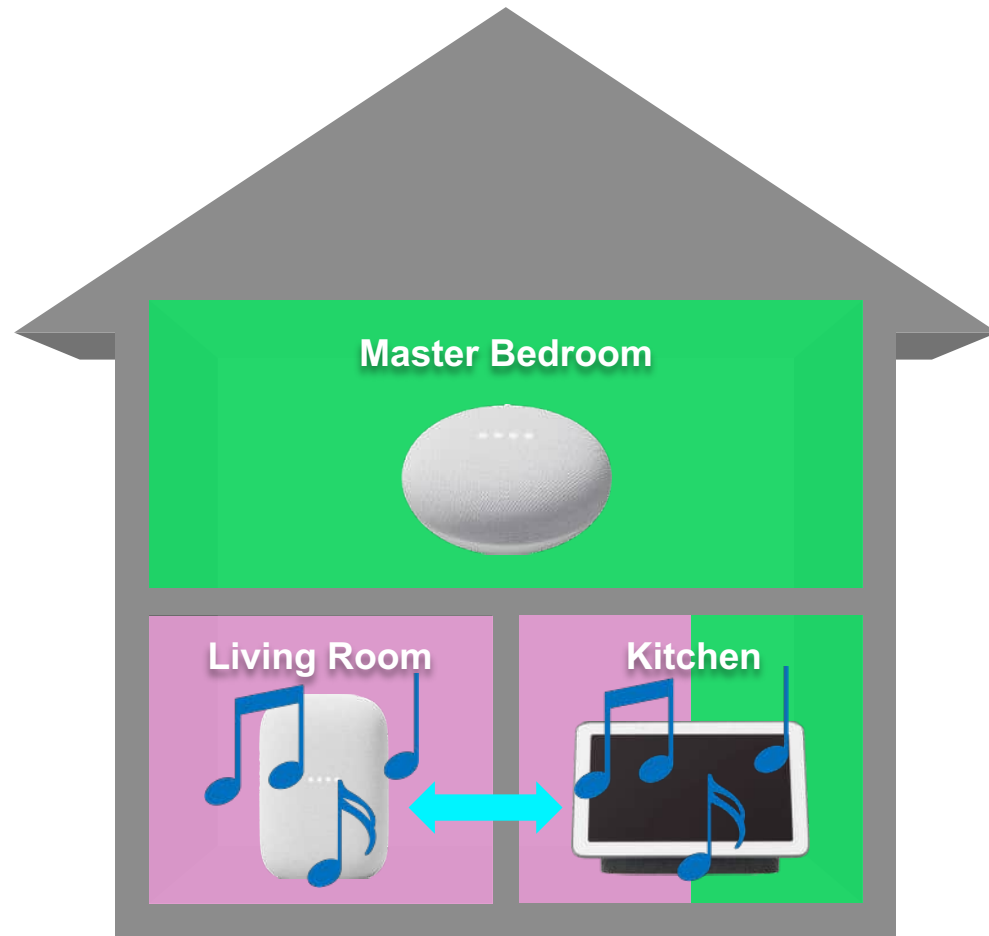












# Importance of the '885 and '966 Patents

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### (57) ABSTRACT

An example playback device in a first zone of a media playback system receives a first indication that the first zone has been added to a first zone scene including a first preconfigured grouping of zones including the first zone and a second zone. The playback device receives a second indication that the first zone has been added to a second zone scene including a second preconfigured grouping of zones including the first zone and a third zone. After a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, the playback device receives an instruction to operate in accordance with the given zone scene, and based on the instruction, begins operating in accordance with the given zone scene such that the playback device is configured to play back audio in synchrony with one or more other playback devices in the media playback system.

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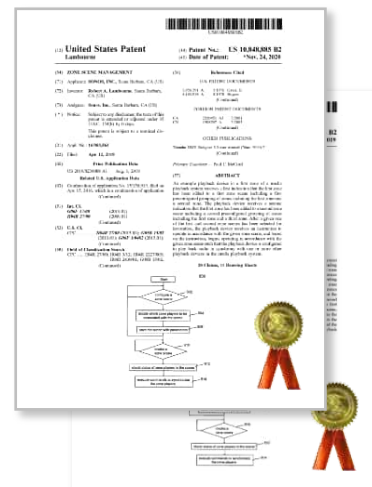
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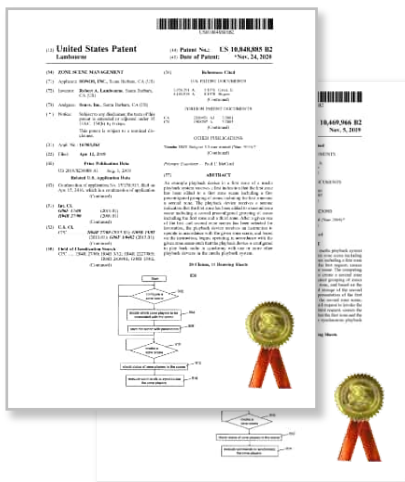


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Google’s NIAs	Google’s Description
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<p><b>NIA #2</b></p> <p>“no standalone mode”</p>	<p>“A non-infringing alternative is an implementation in which when the accused ‘standalone’ speaker is added to a target group, and it matches the music (or silence) of the target group.”</p>
<p><b>NIA #3</b></p> <p>“no overlapping groups”</p>	<p>“A non-infringing alternative is an implementation in which a speaker that is already a member of one group will be forced out of this (first) group when a user attempts to add the speaker to a new (second) group. In other words, with this non-infringing alternative, no speaker can be a member of more than one group at the same time.”</p>

Google’s NIAs	Non-Infringing	Acceptable	Available
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<b>#2</b> “no standalone mode”	?	?	?
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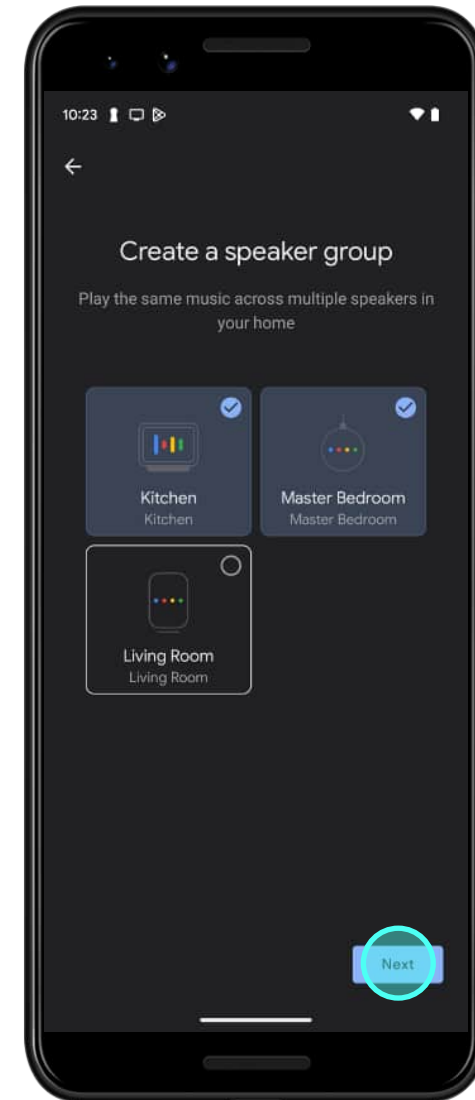
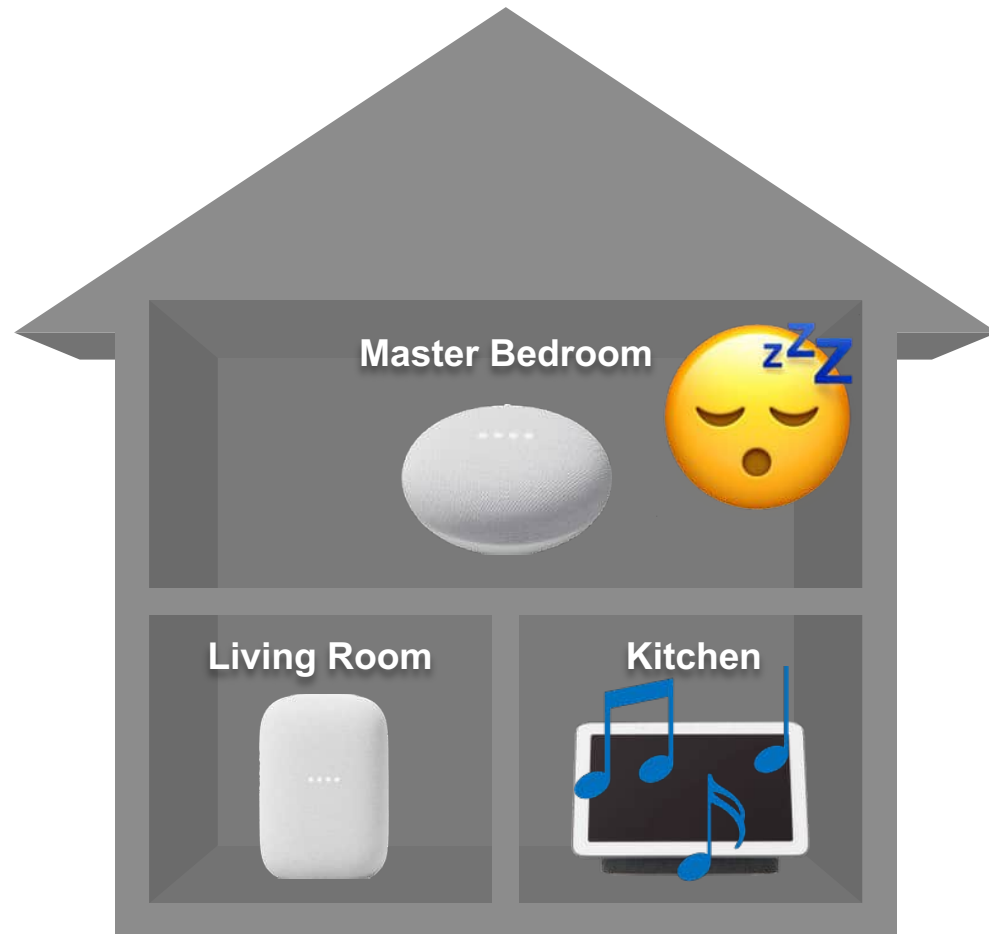
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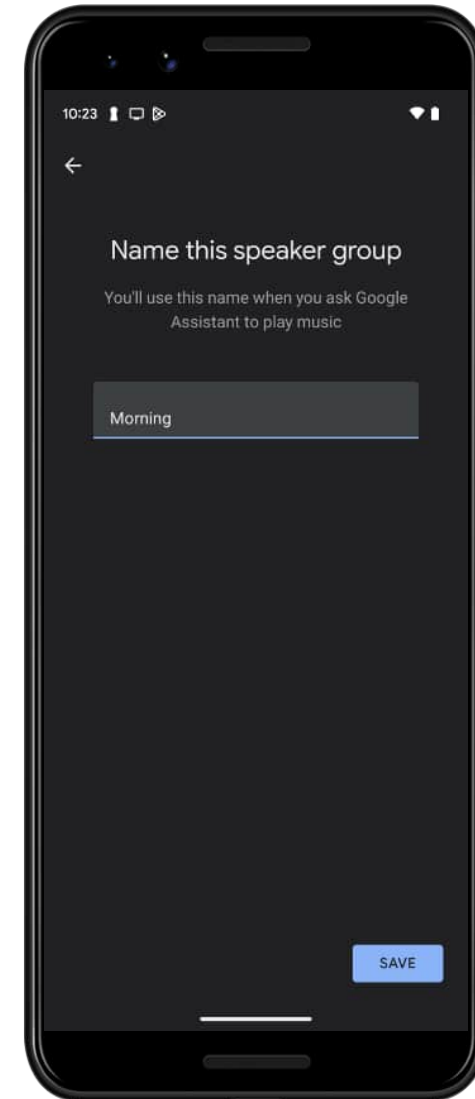
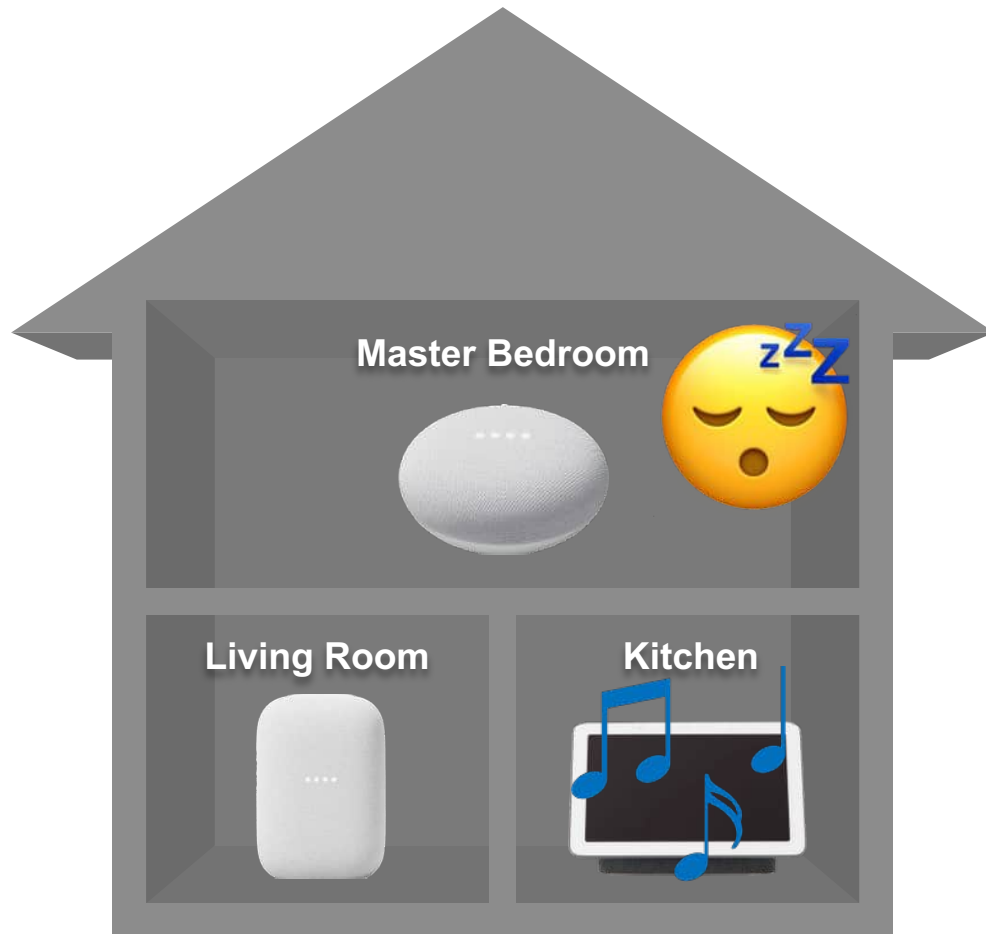
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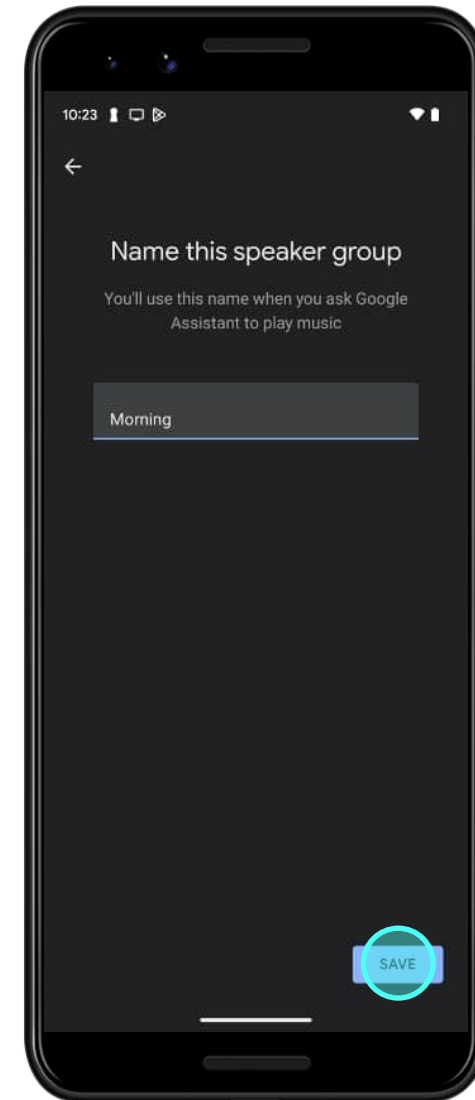
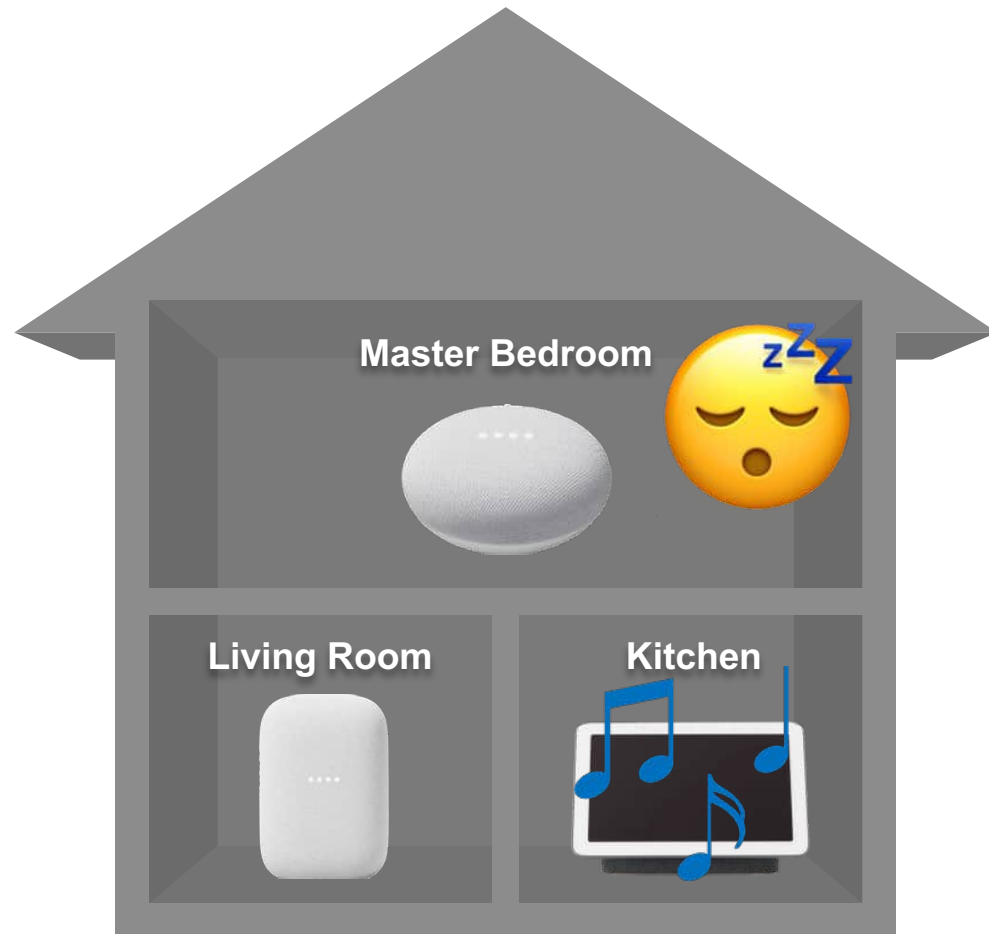
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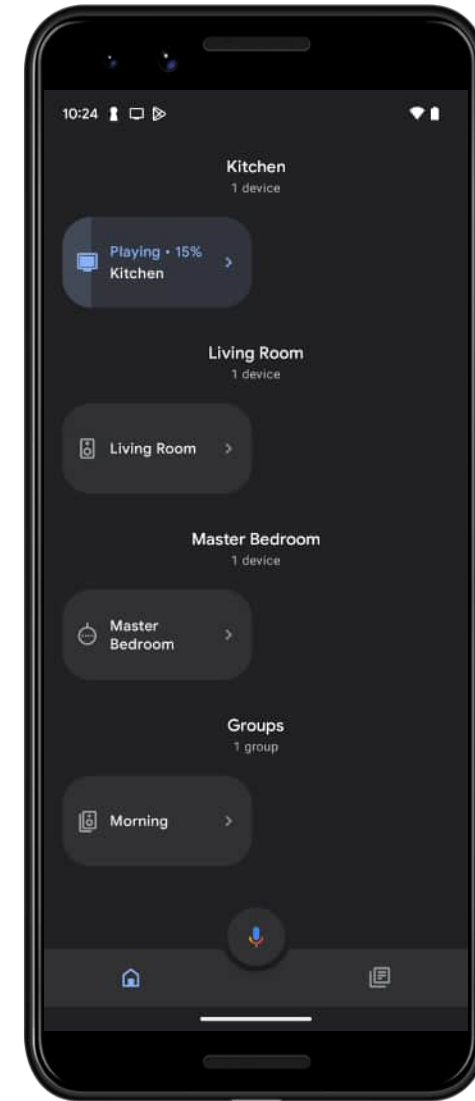
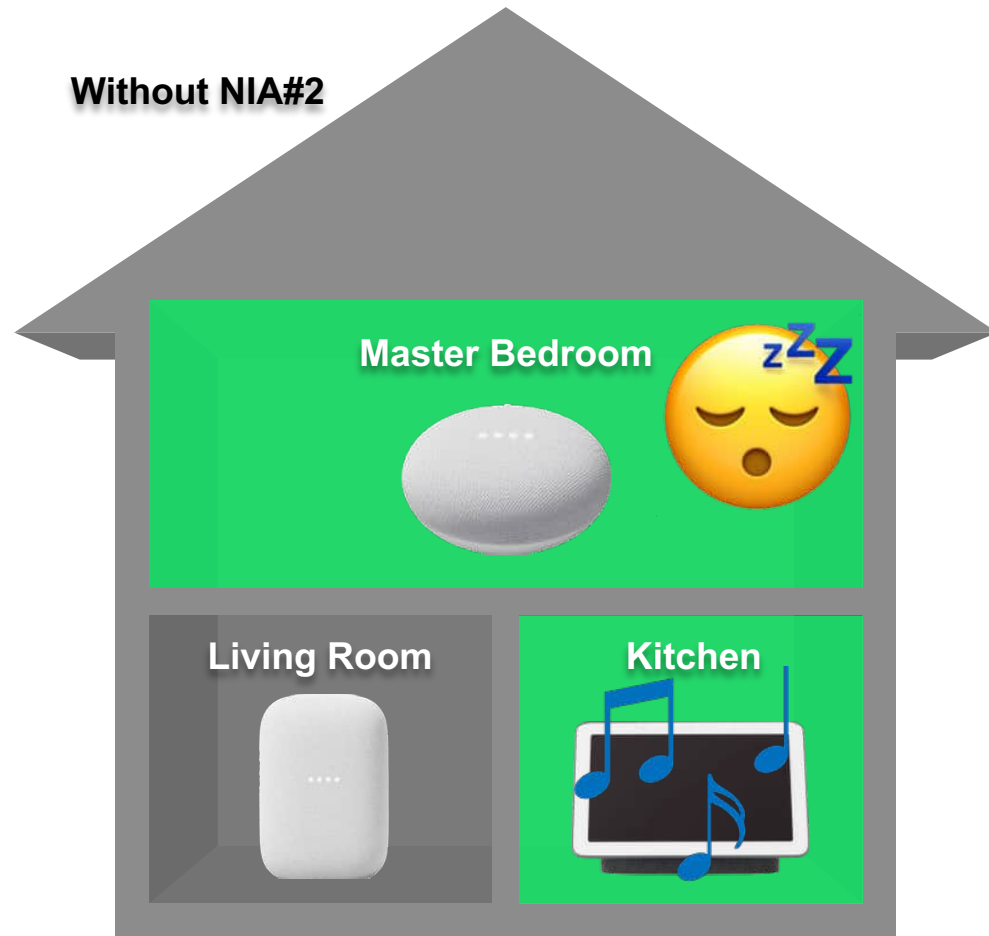
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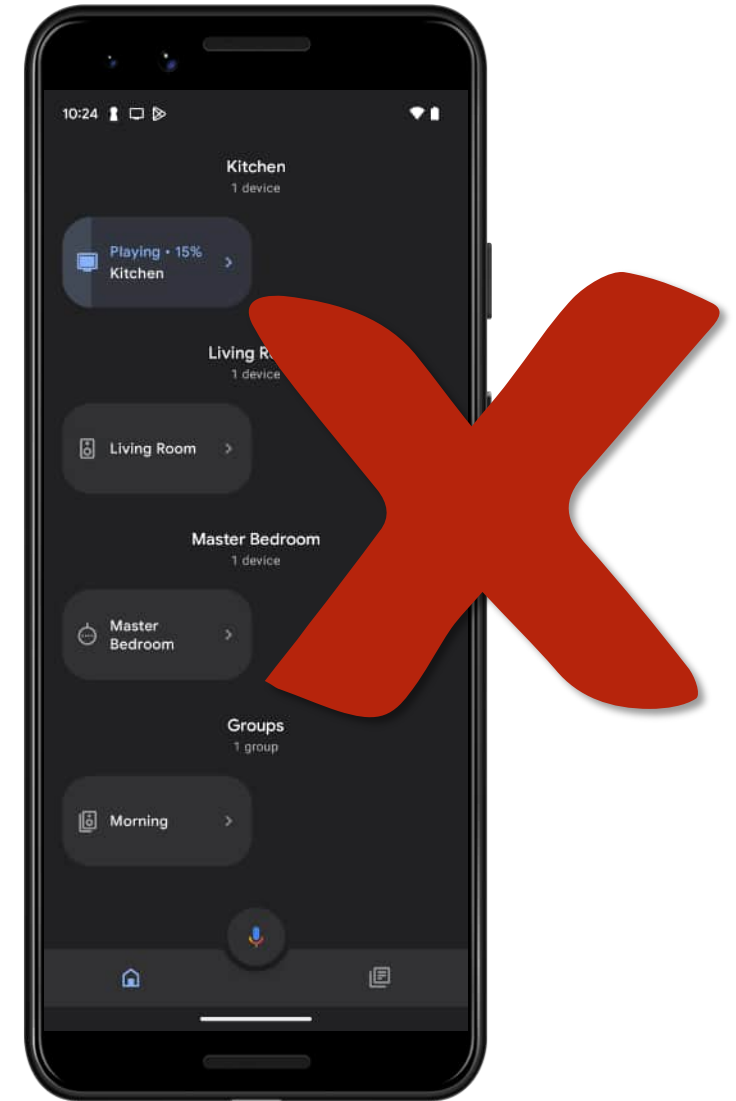
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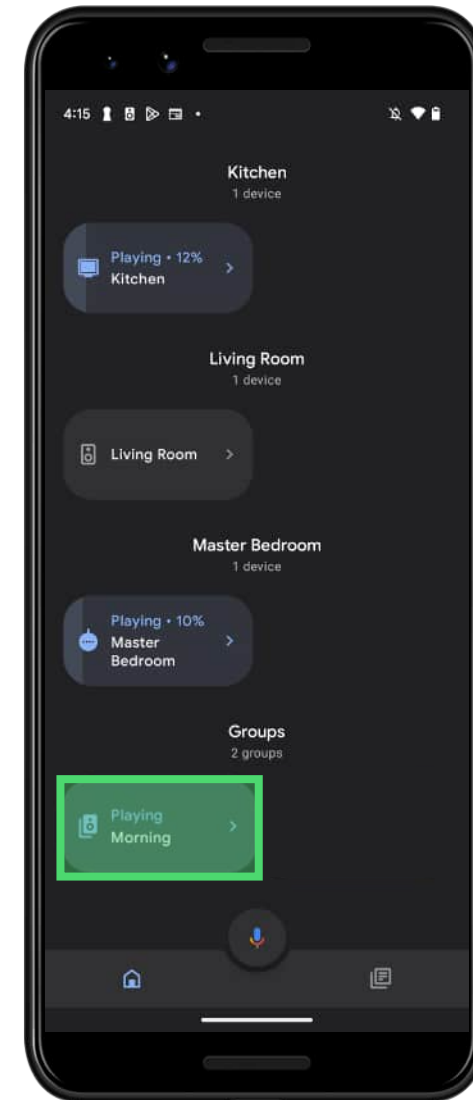
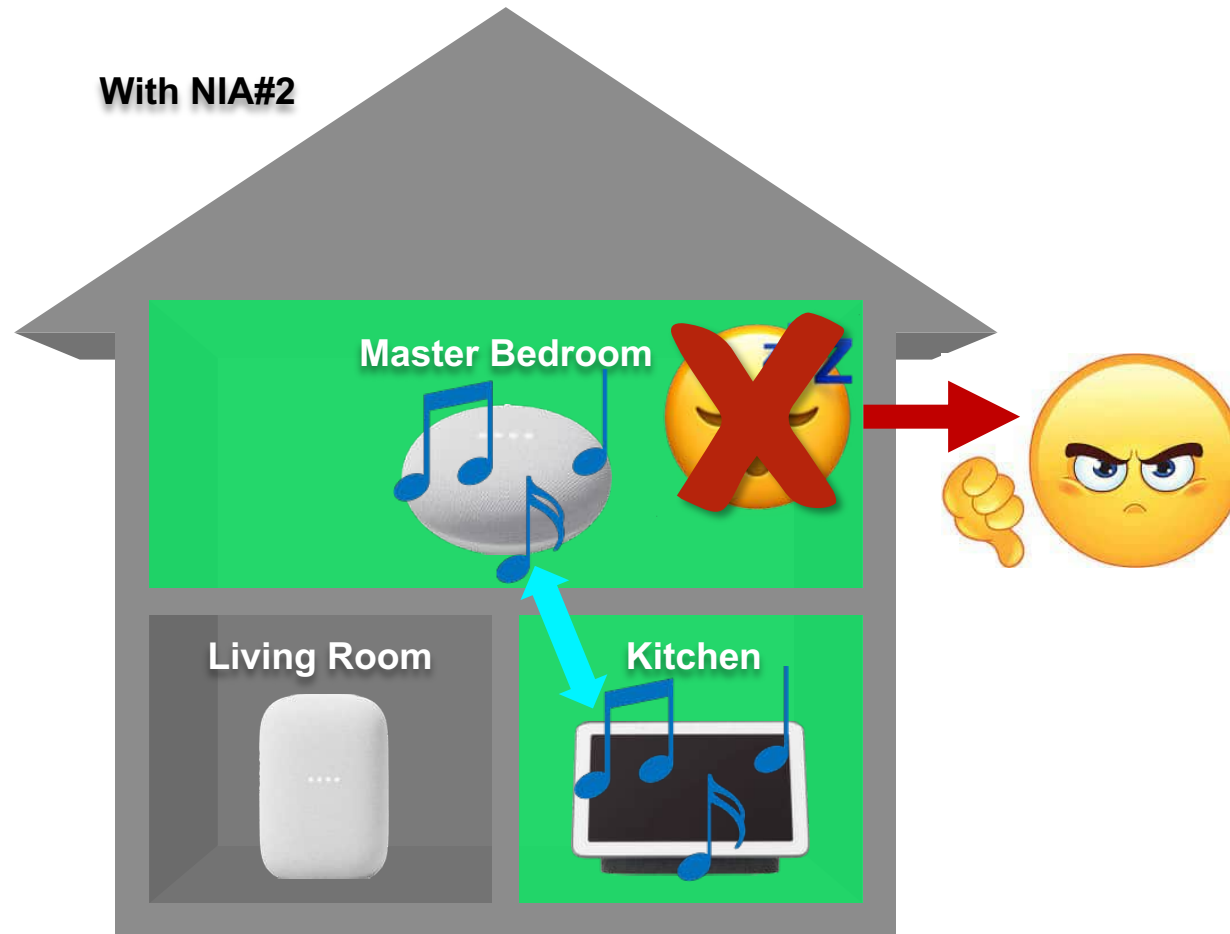
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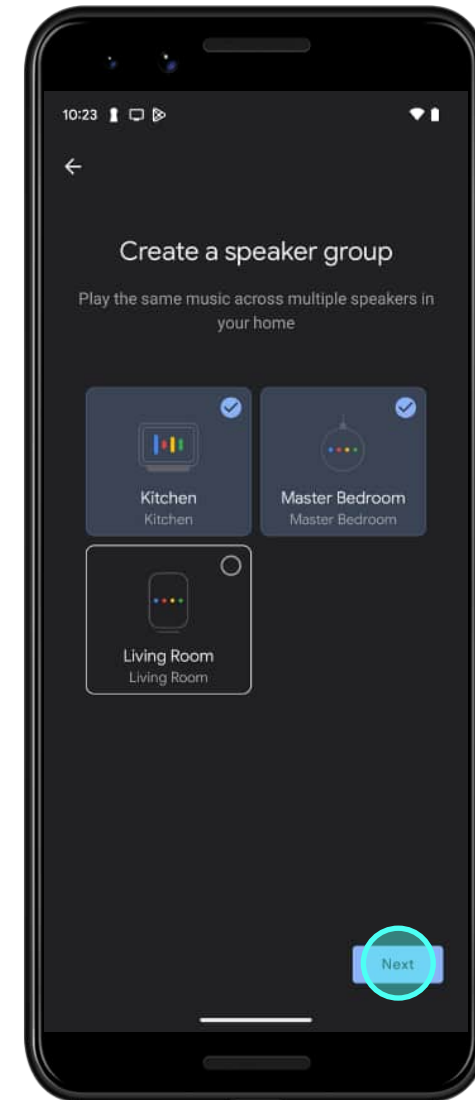
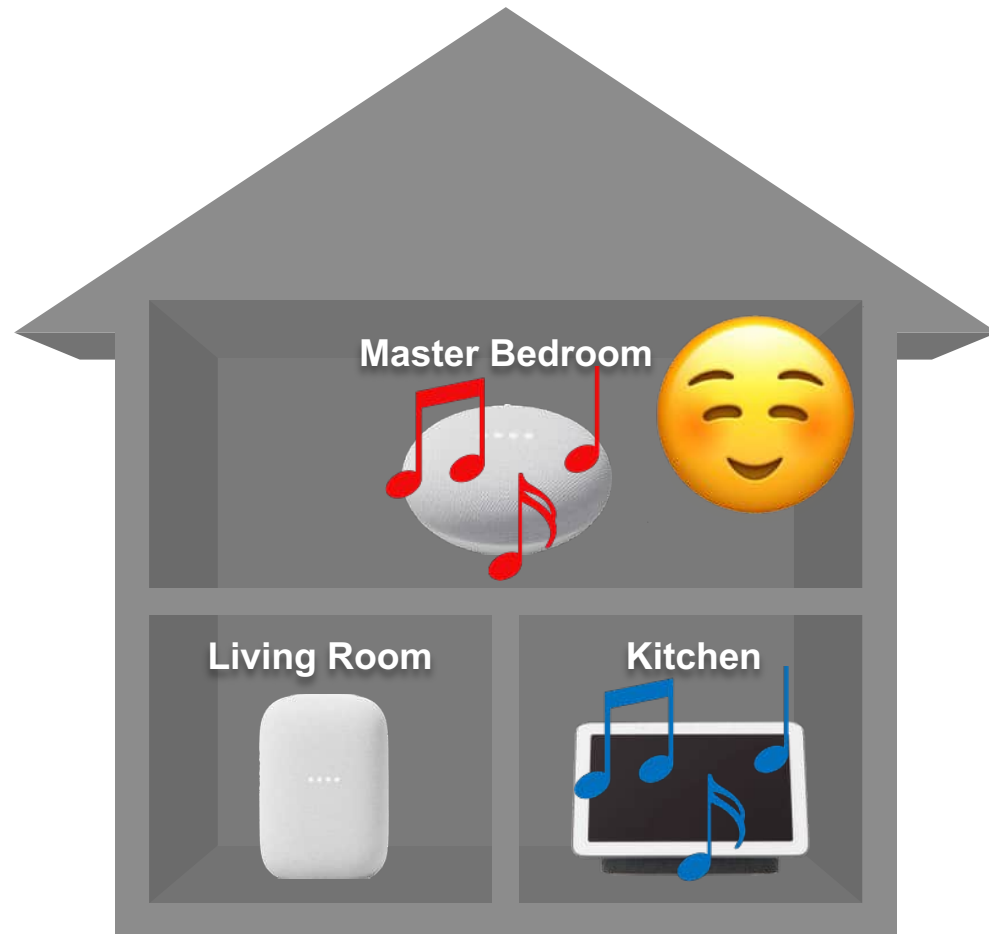
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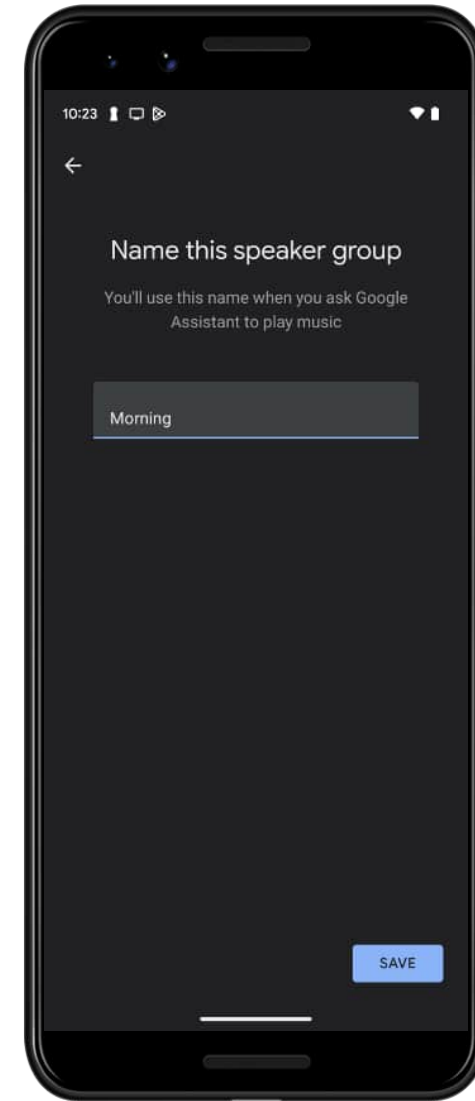
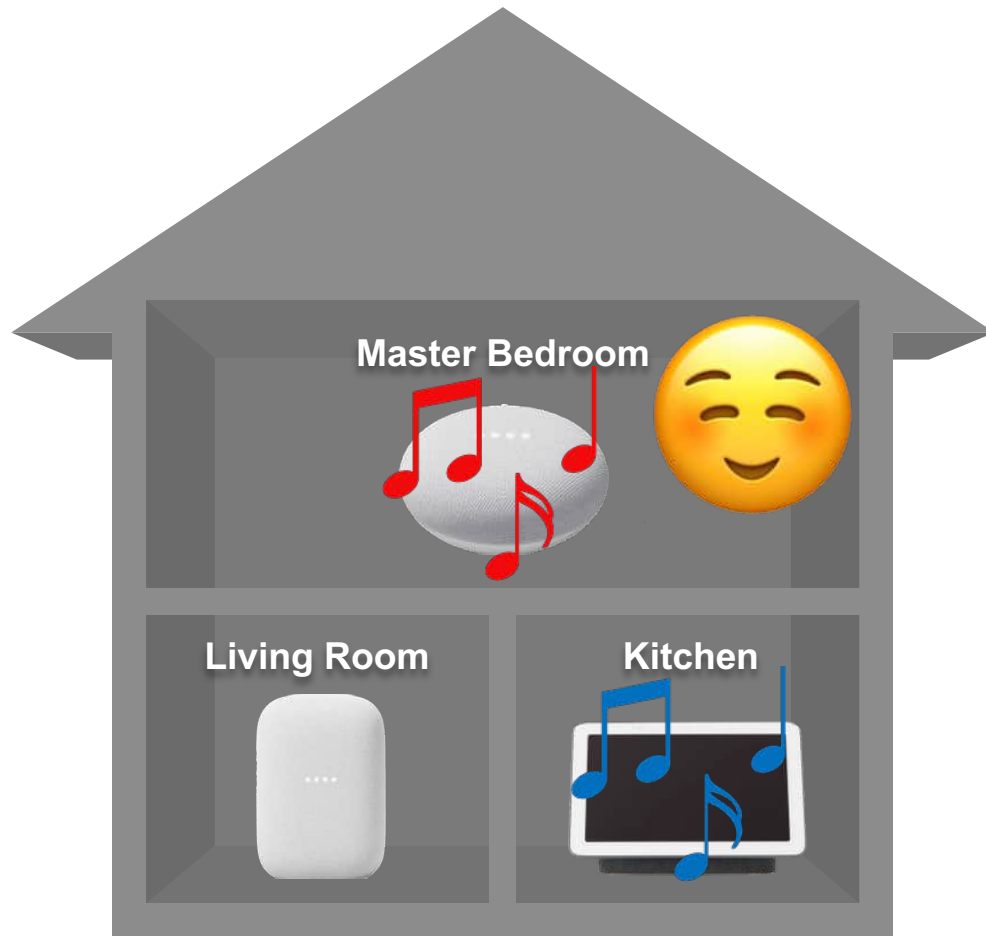
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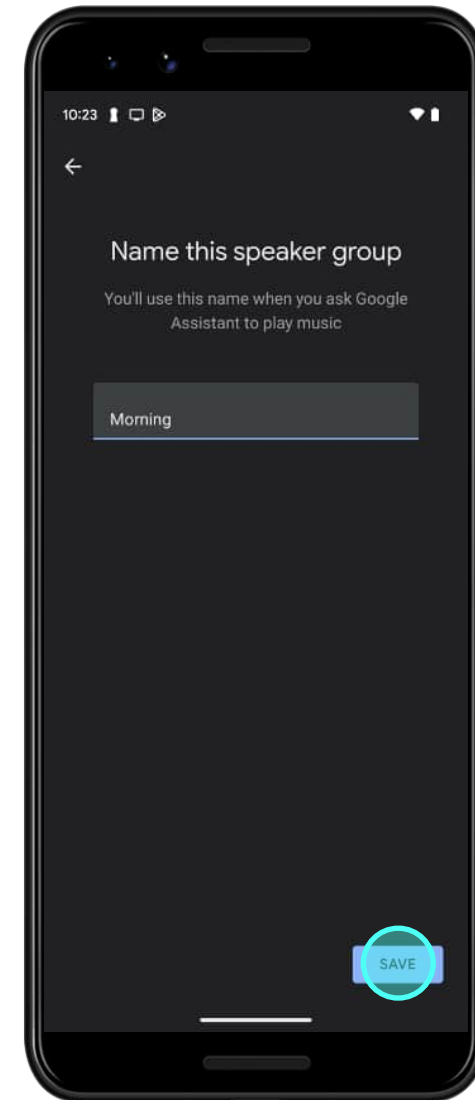
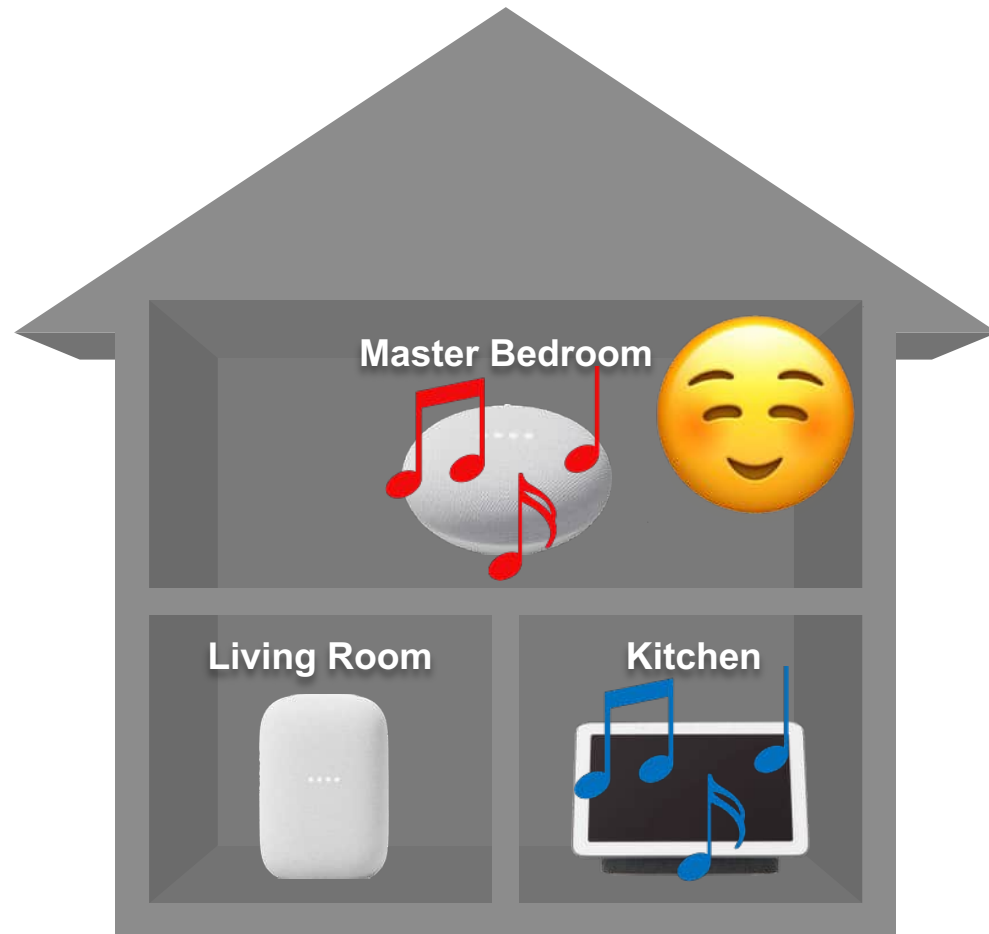


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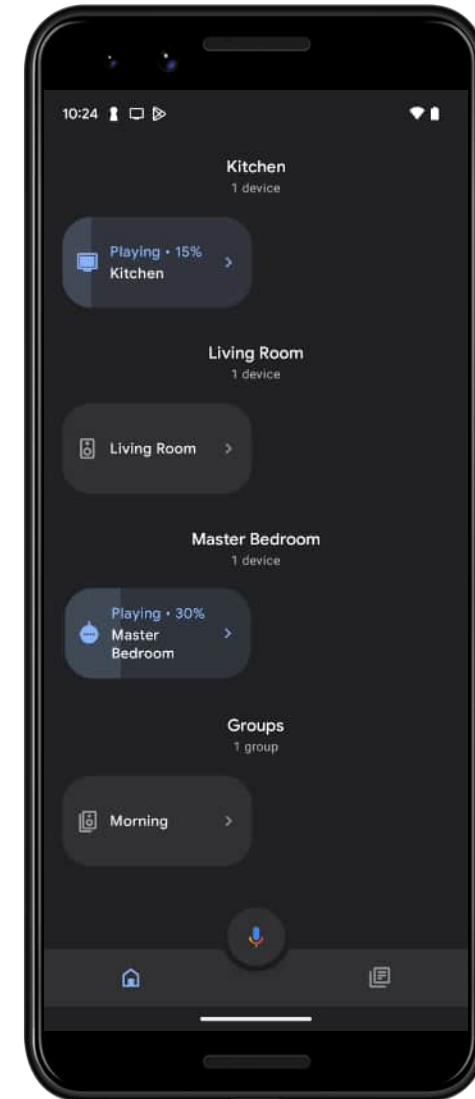
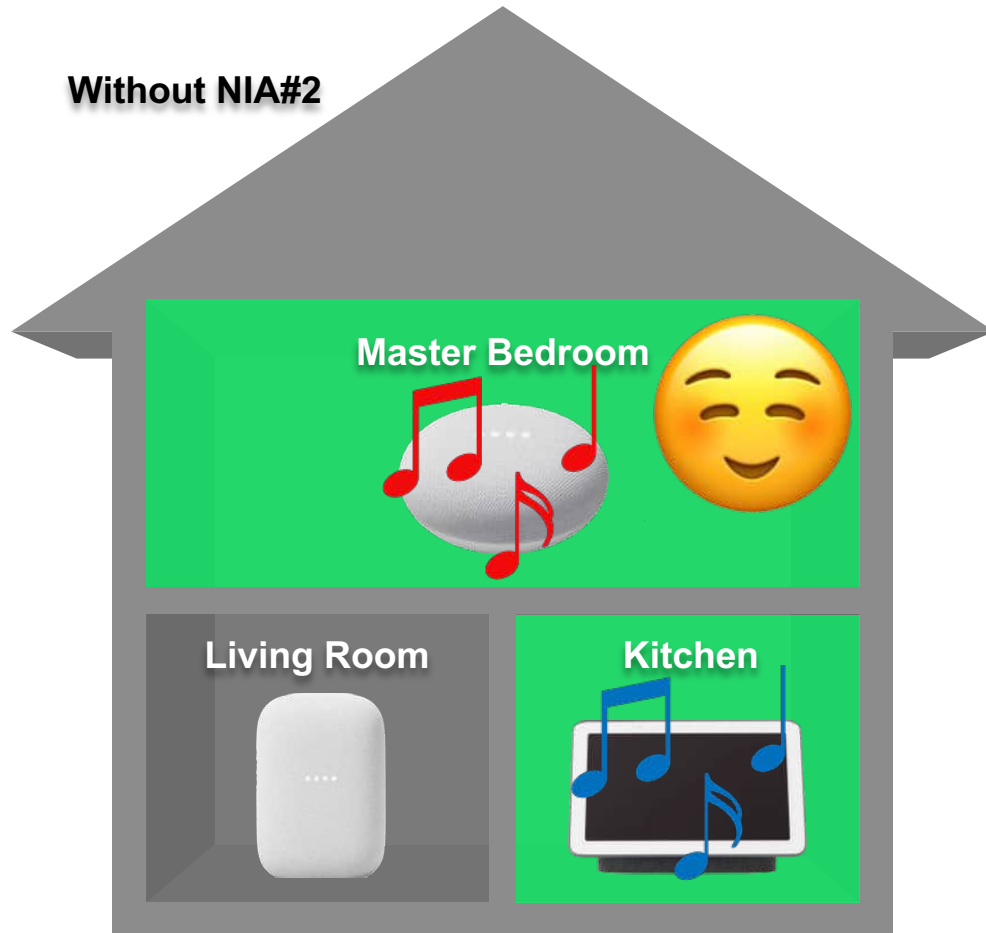


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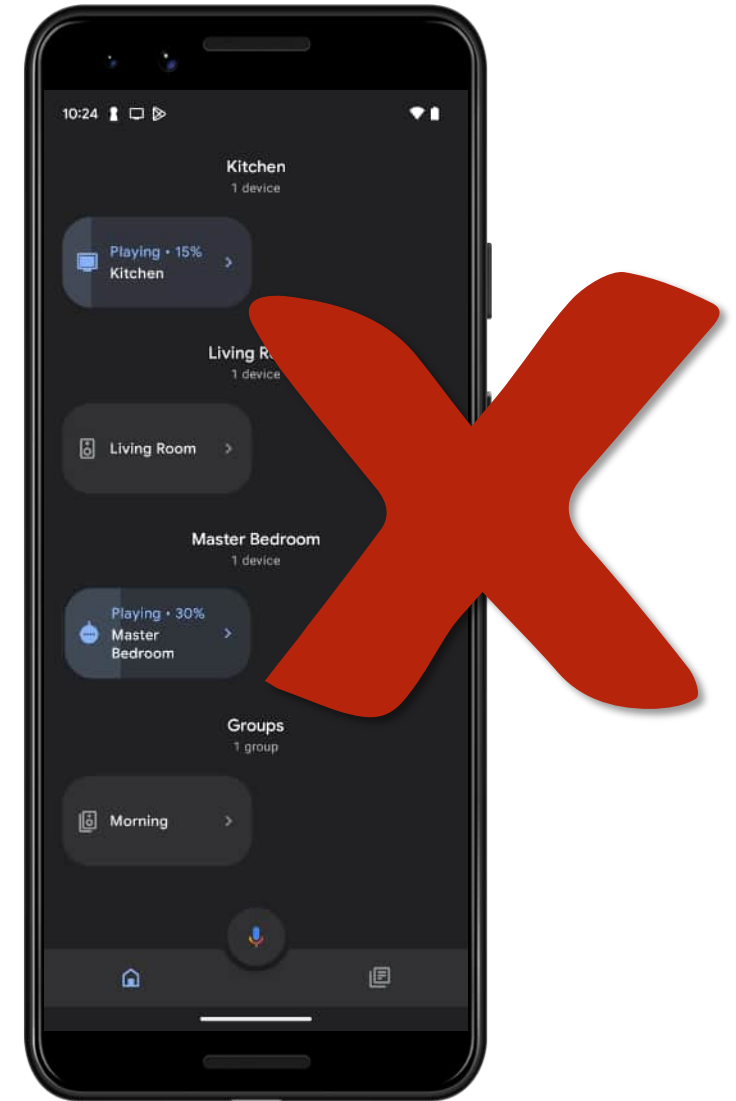


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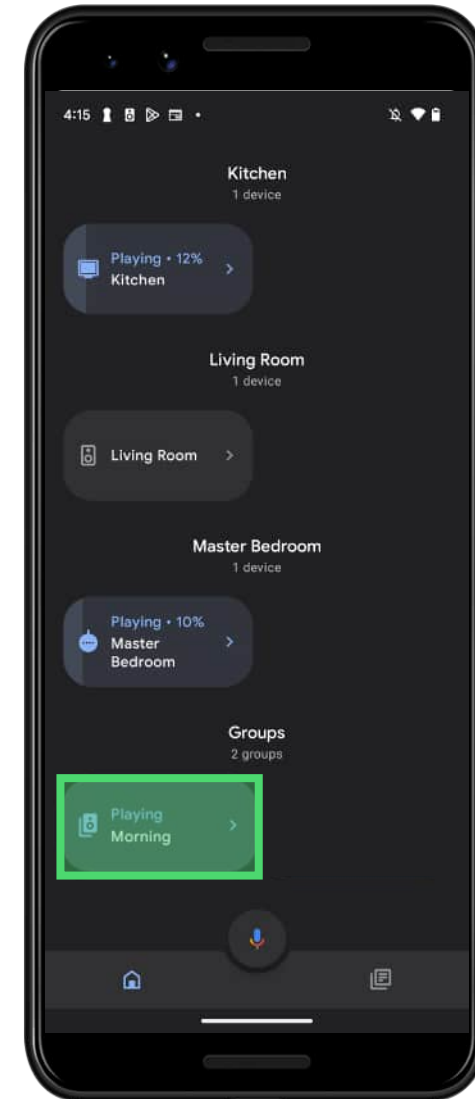
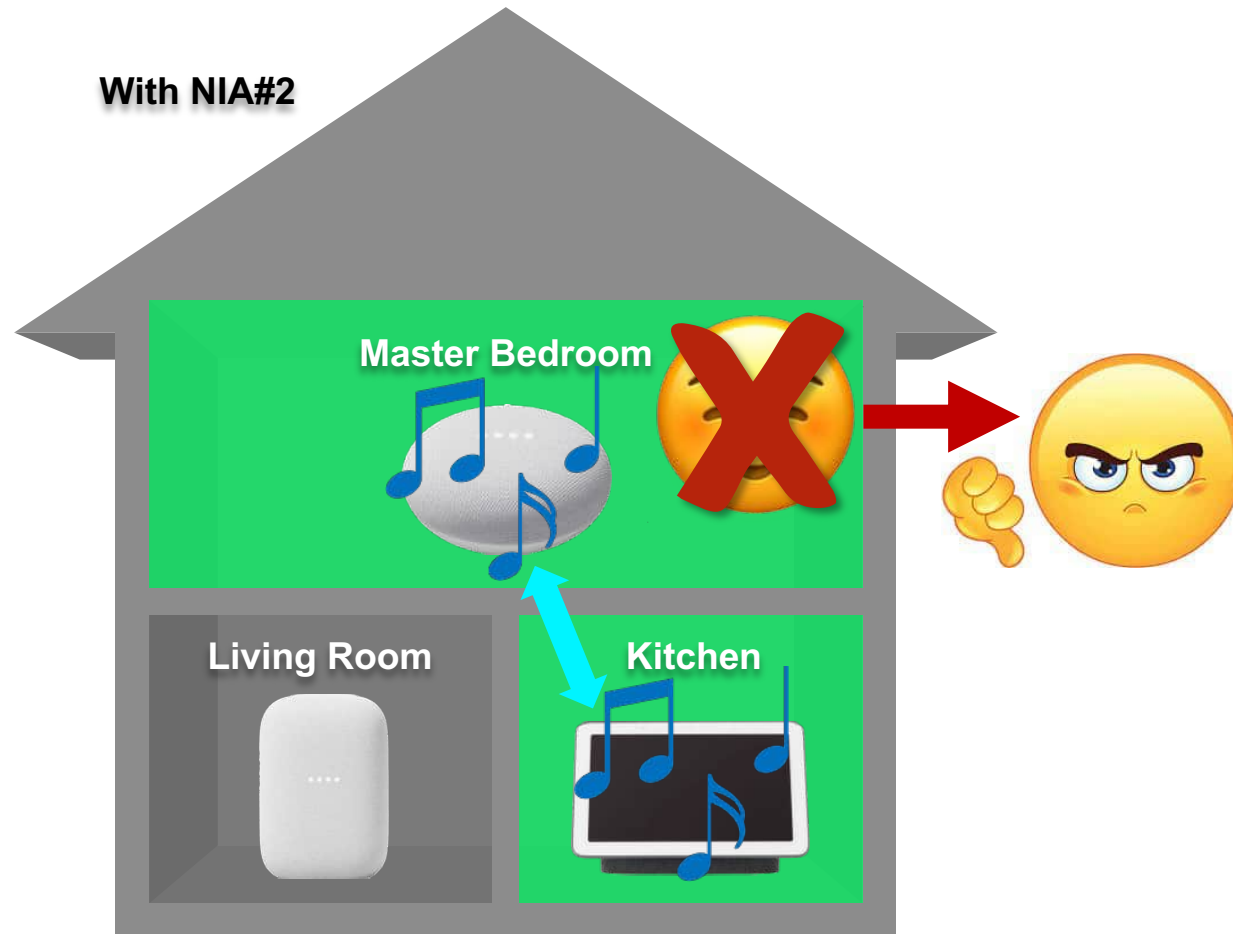
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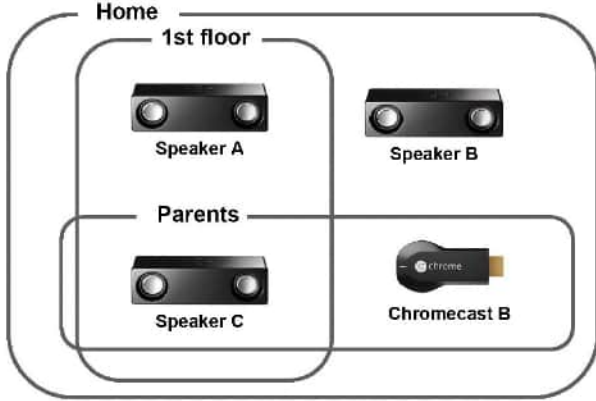
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### Multi Zone Groups - C4A Device<->Group relationship

- Each C4A device can be a member of several groups
- Chromecasts shall be supported as group members
- Up to ~10 devices/speakers in a single group



Home

1st floor

Speaker A

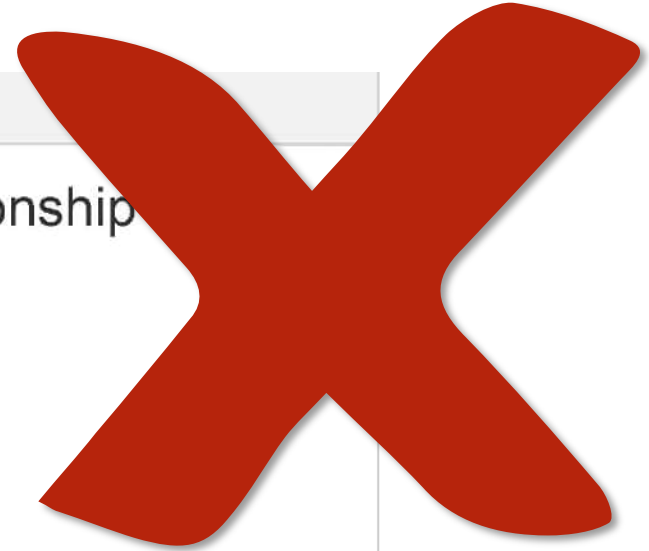
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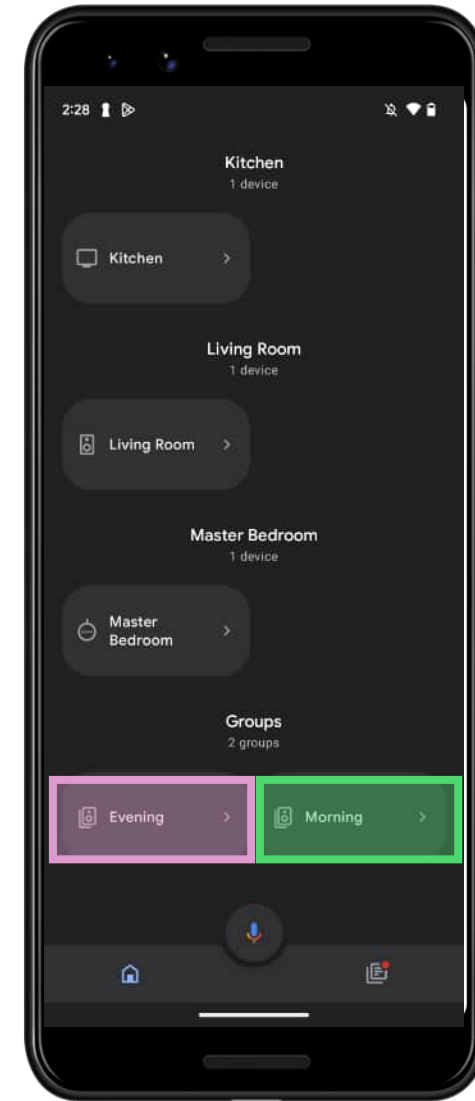
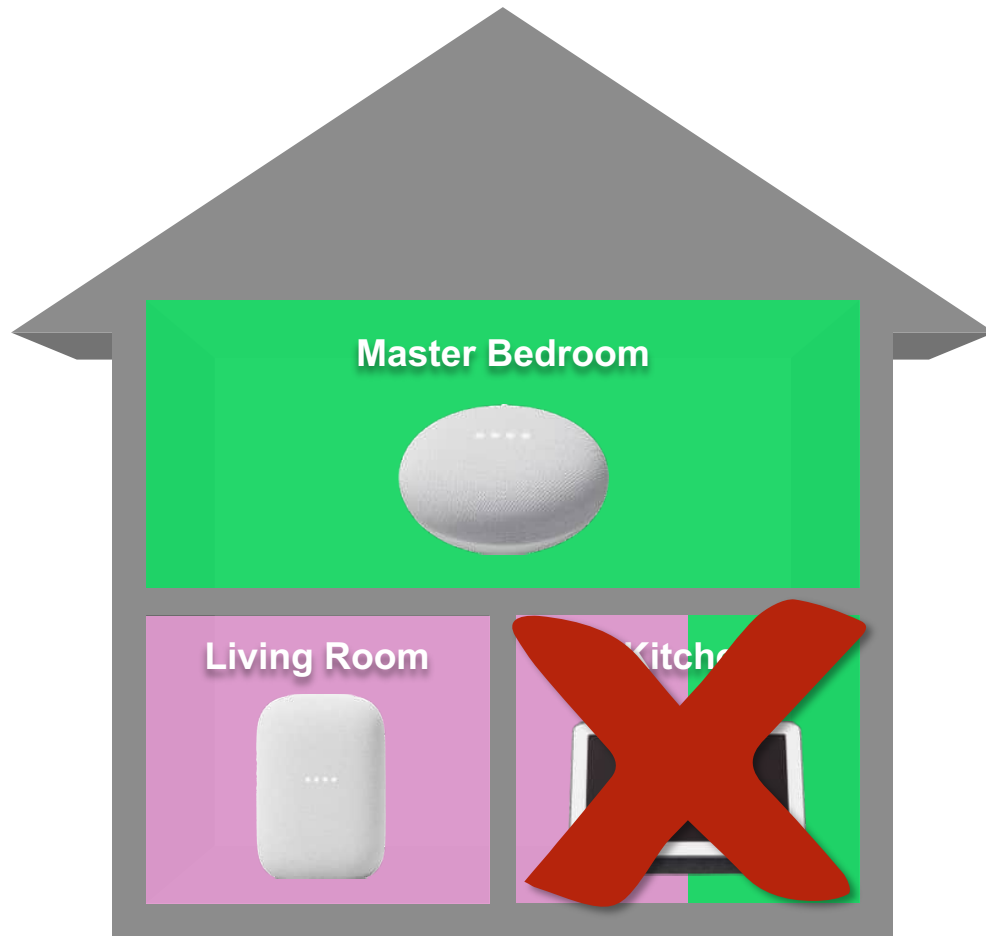
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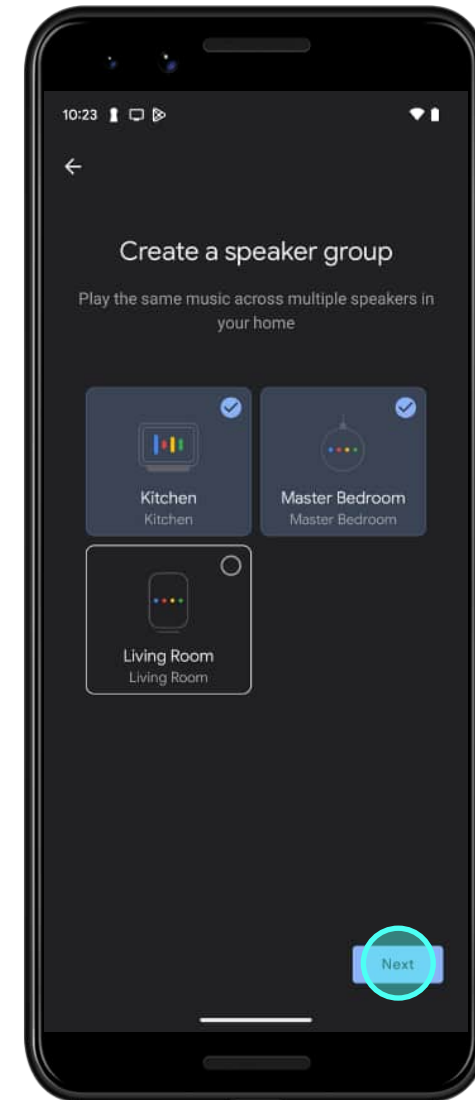
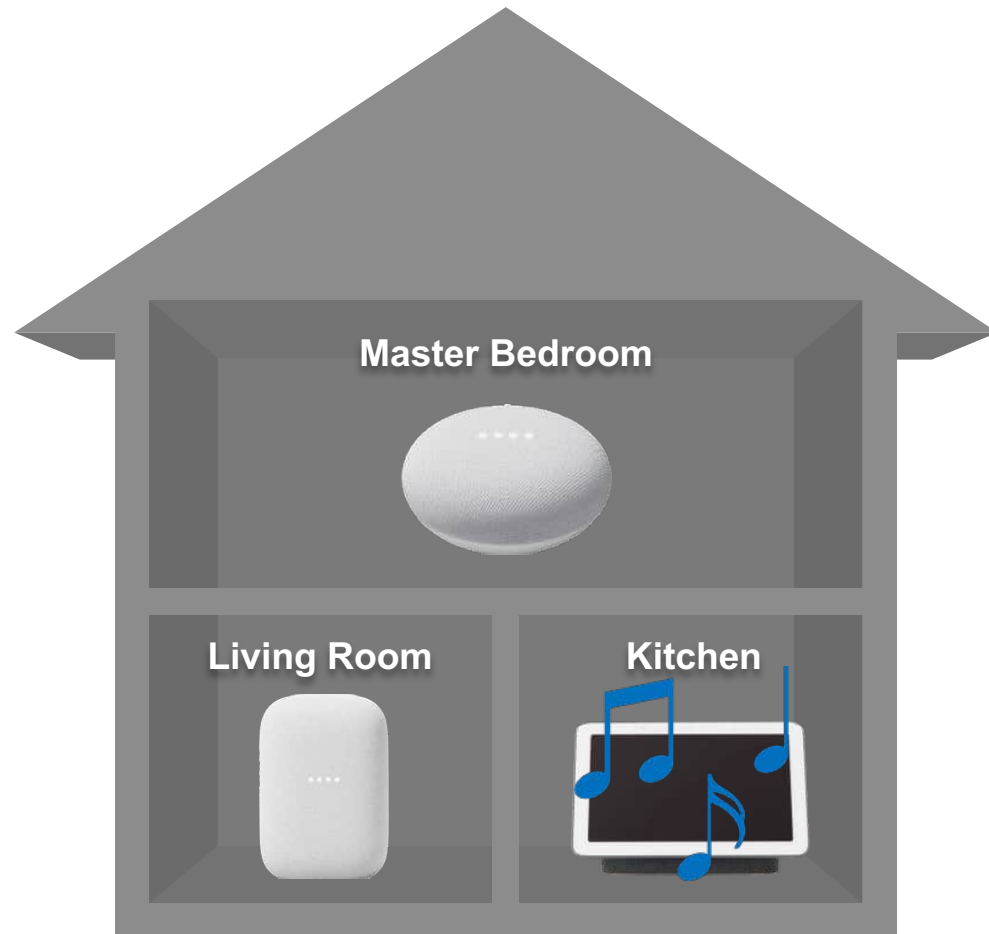
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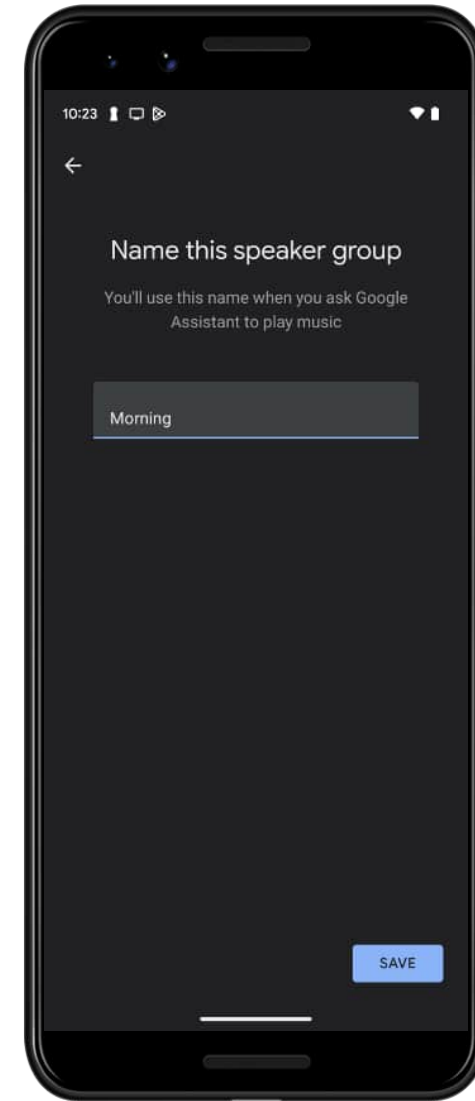
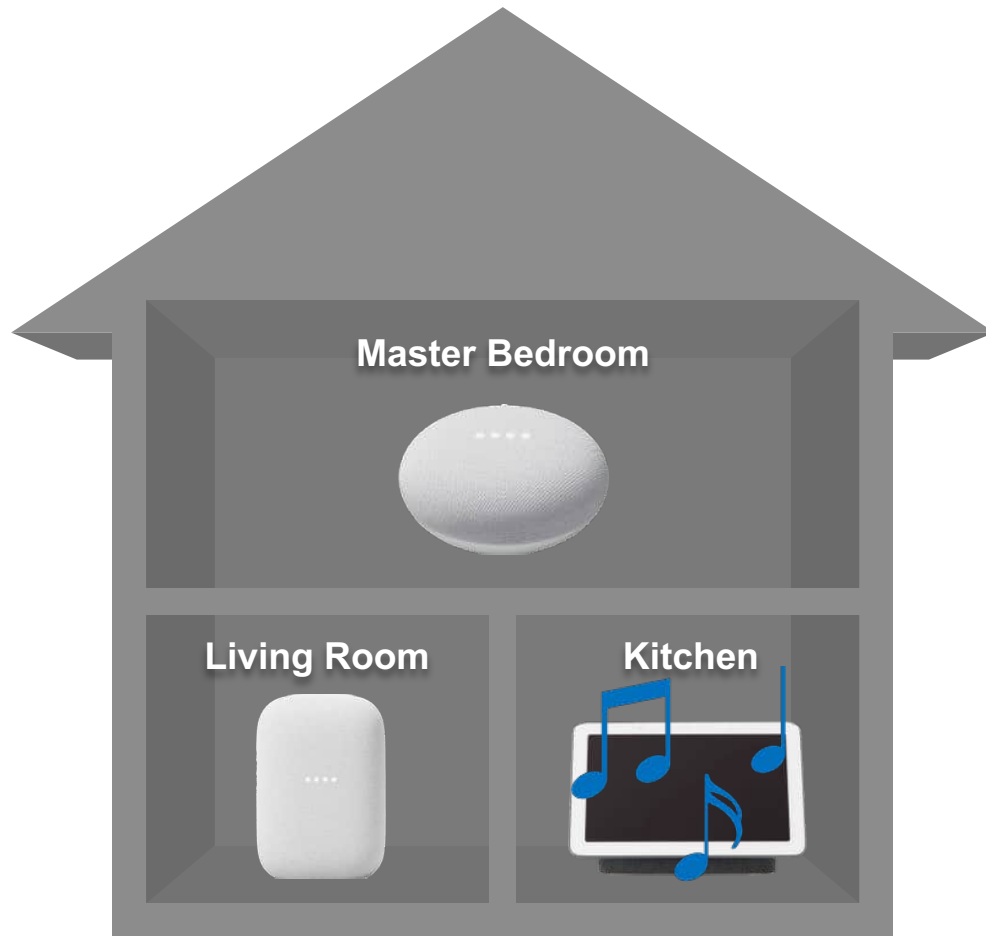




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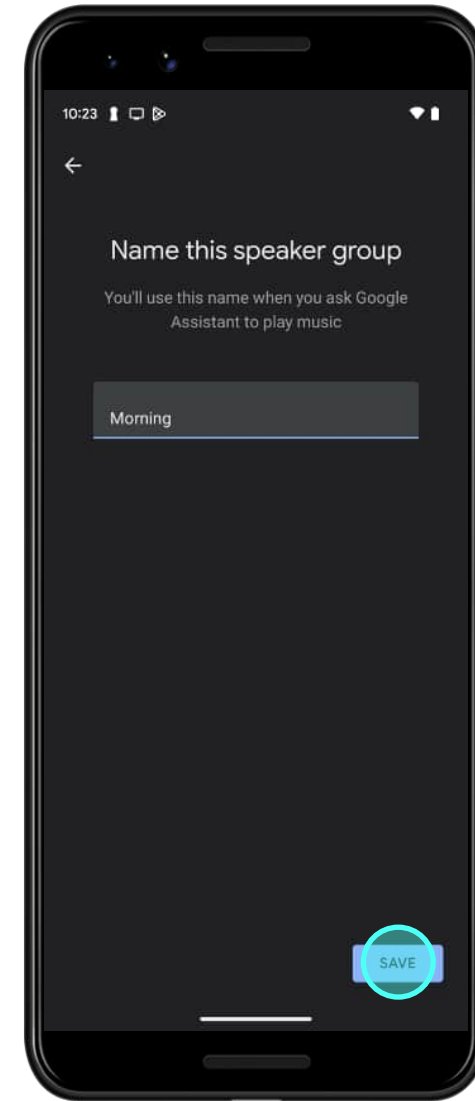
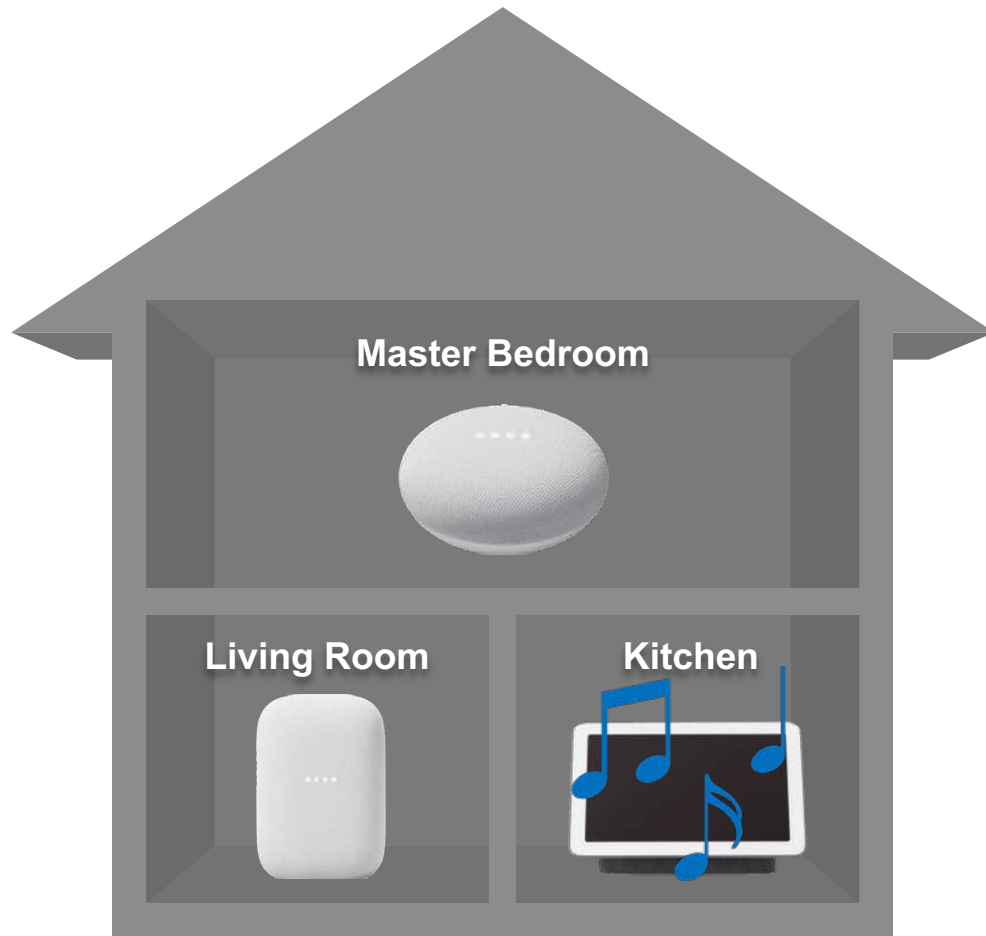


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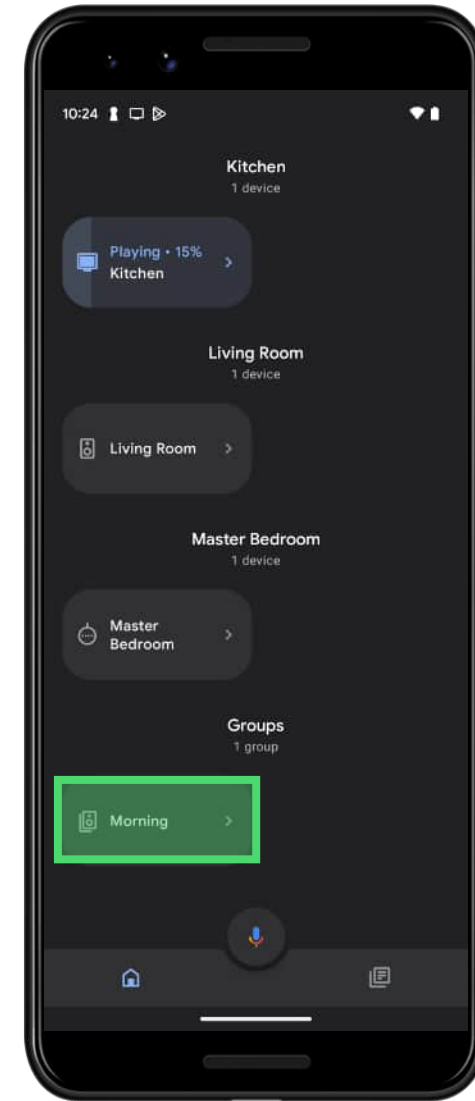
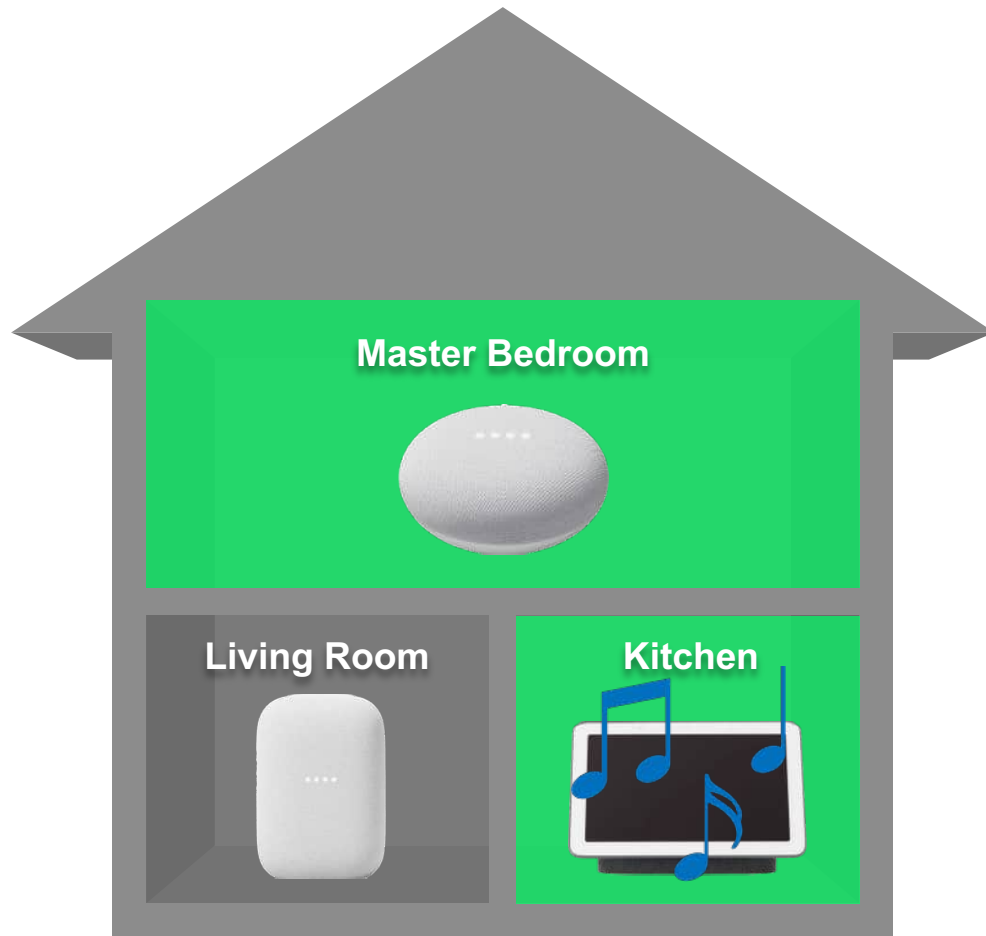




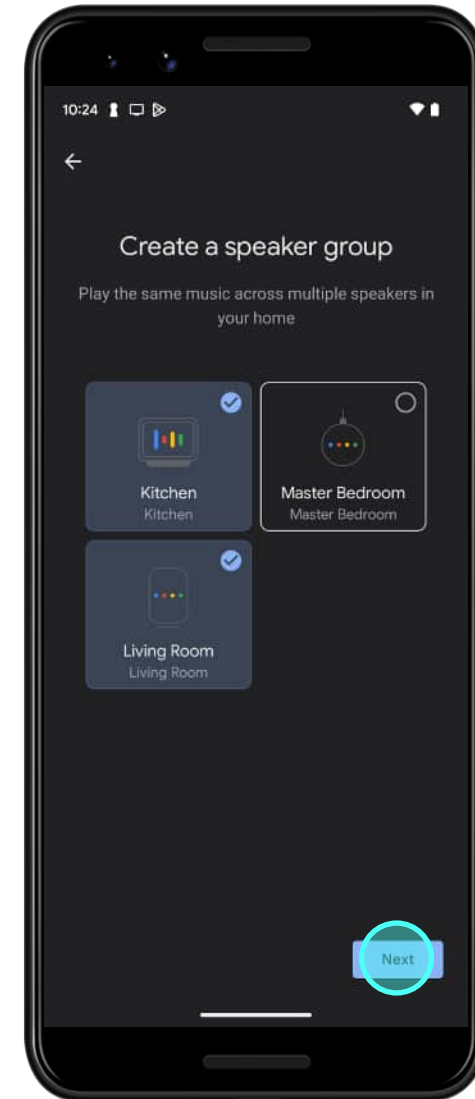
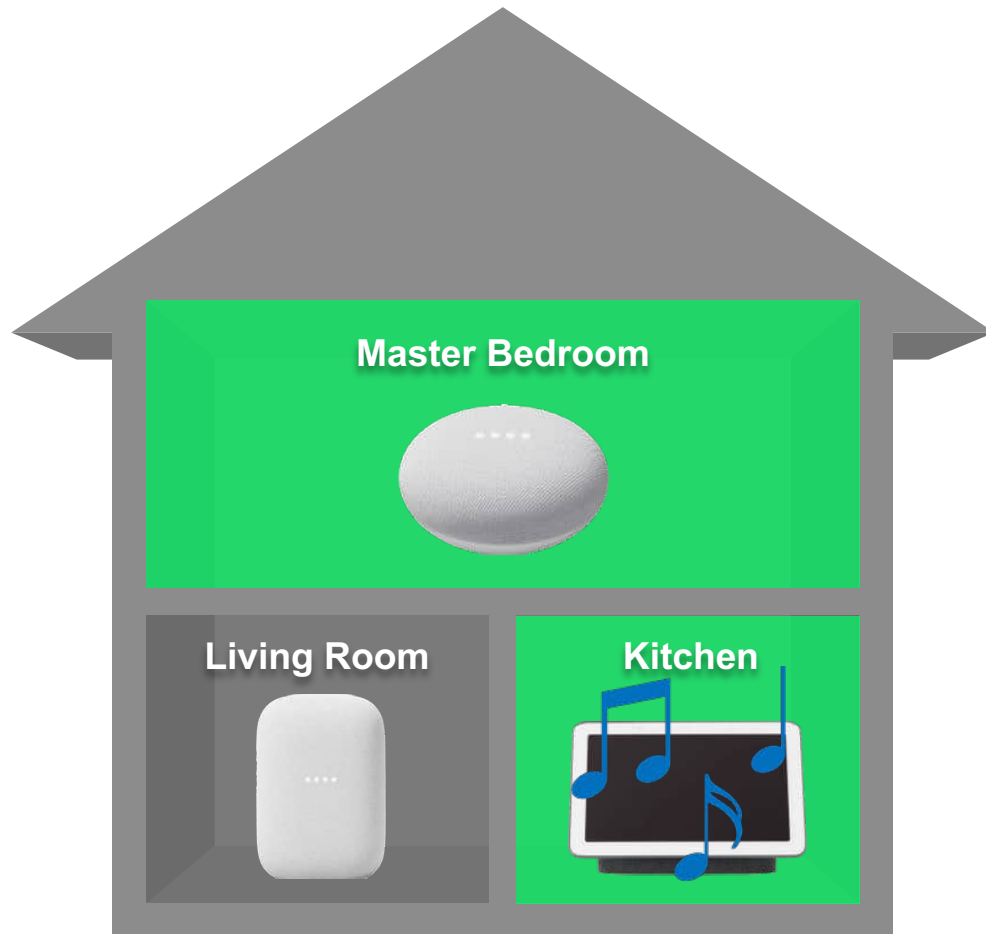
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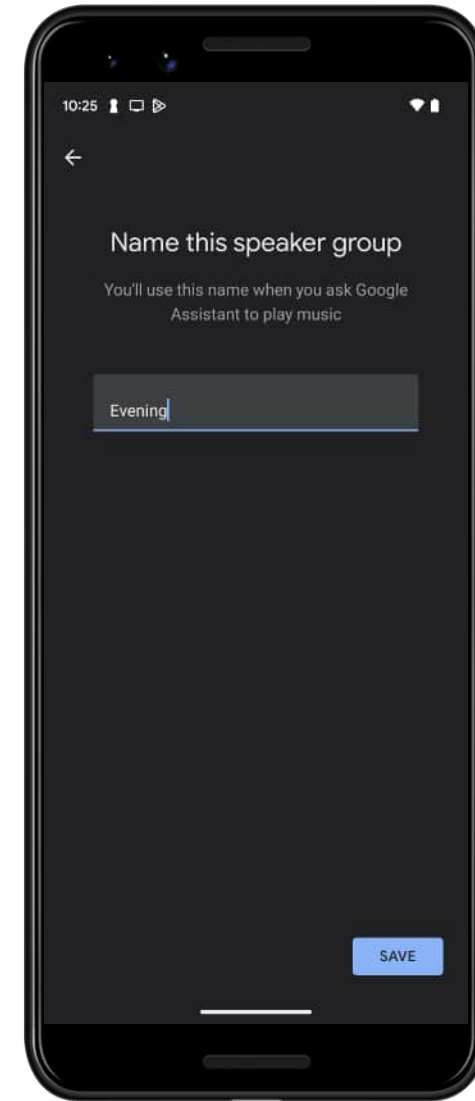
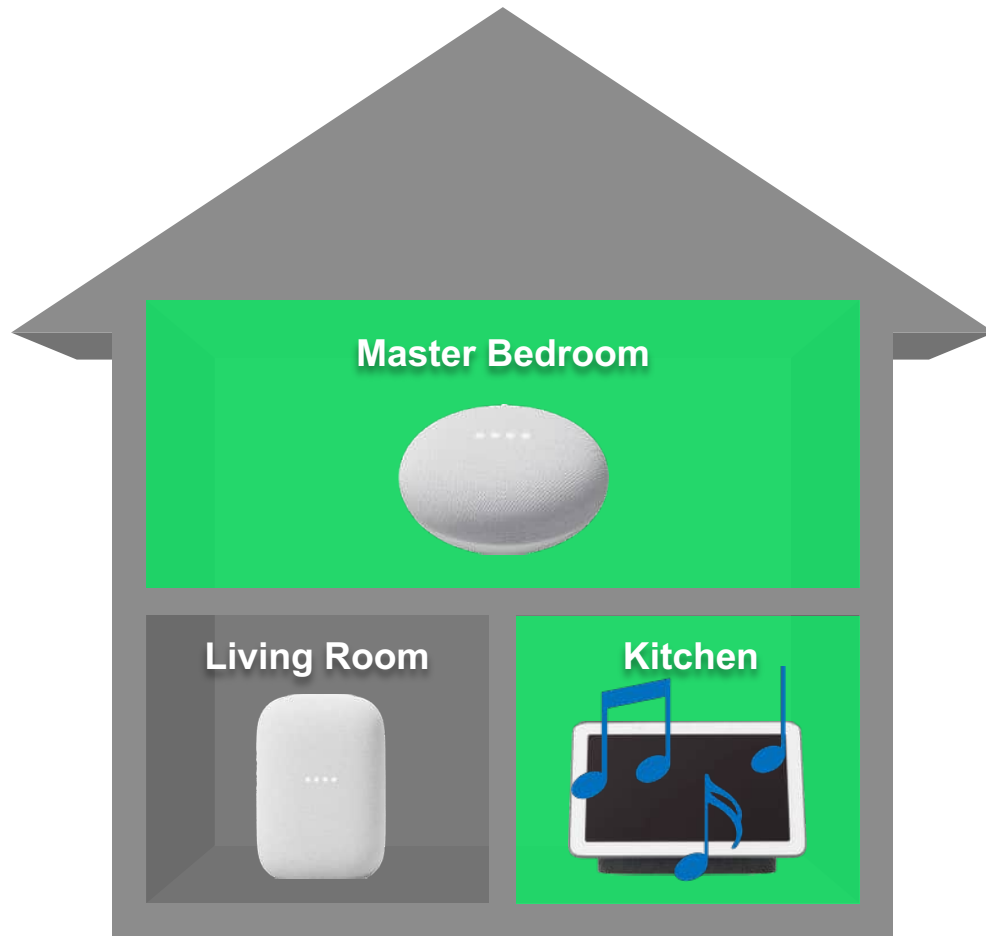
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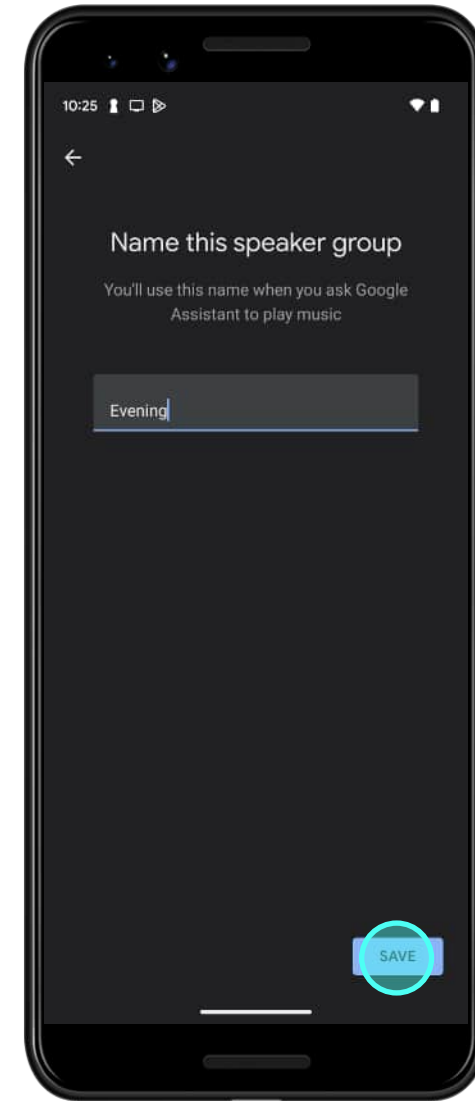
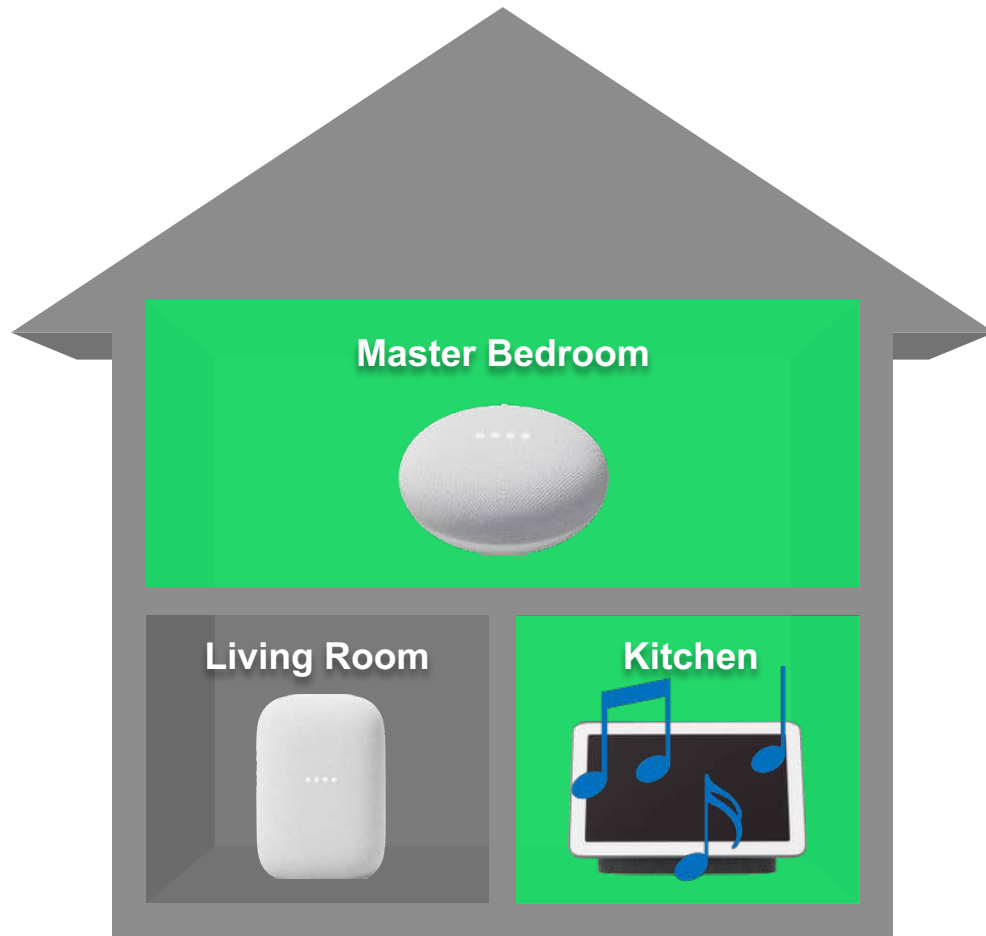
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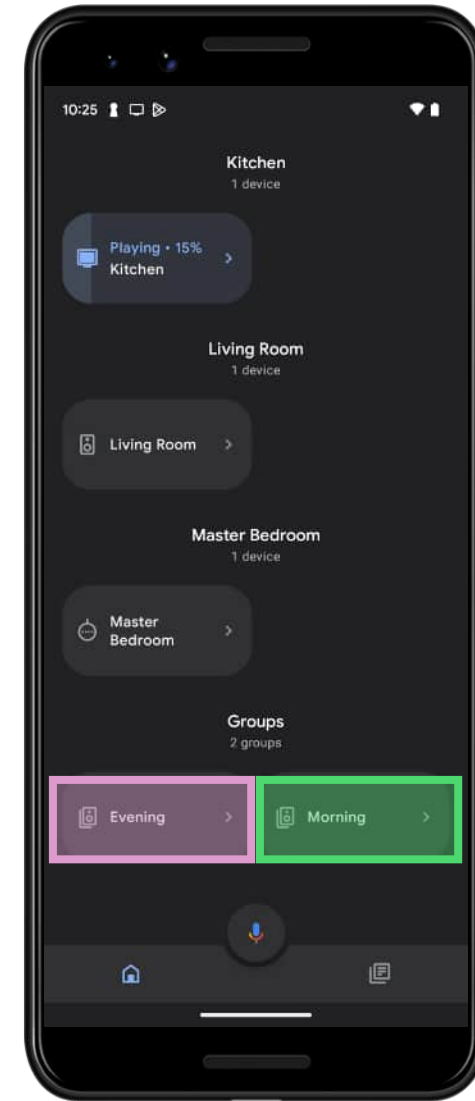
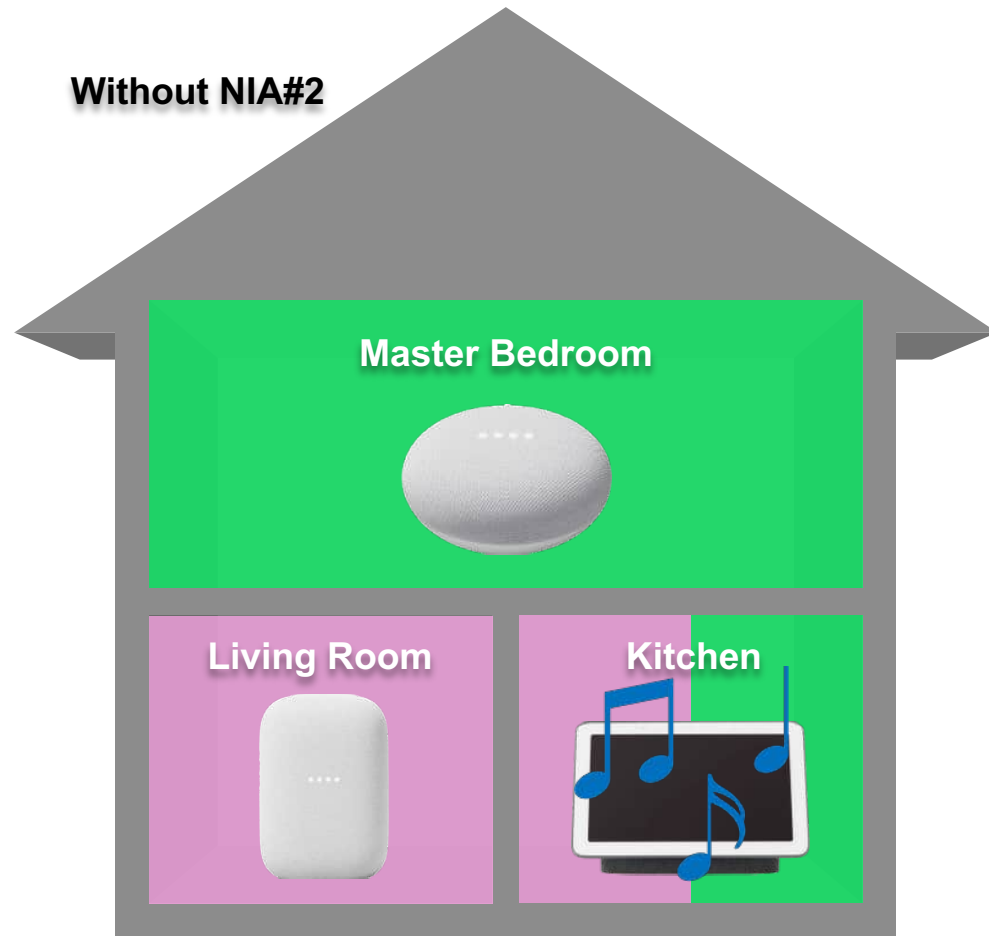
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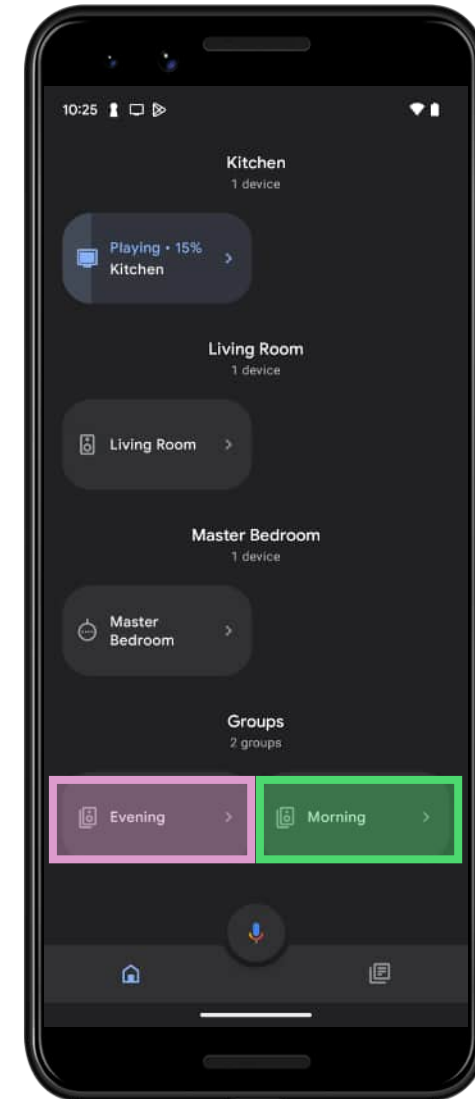
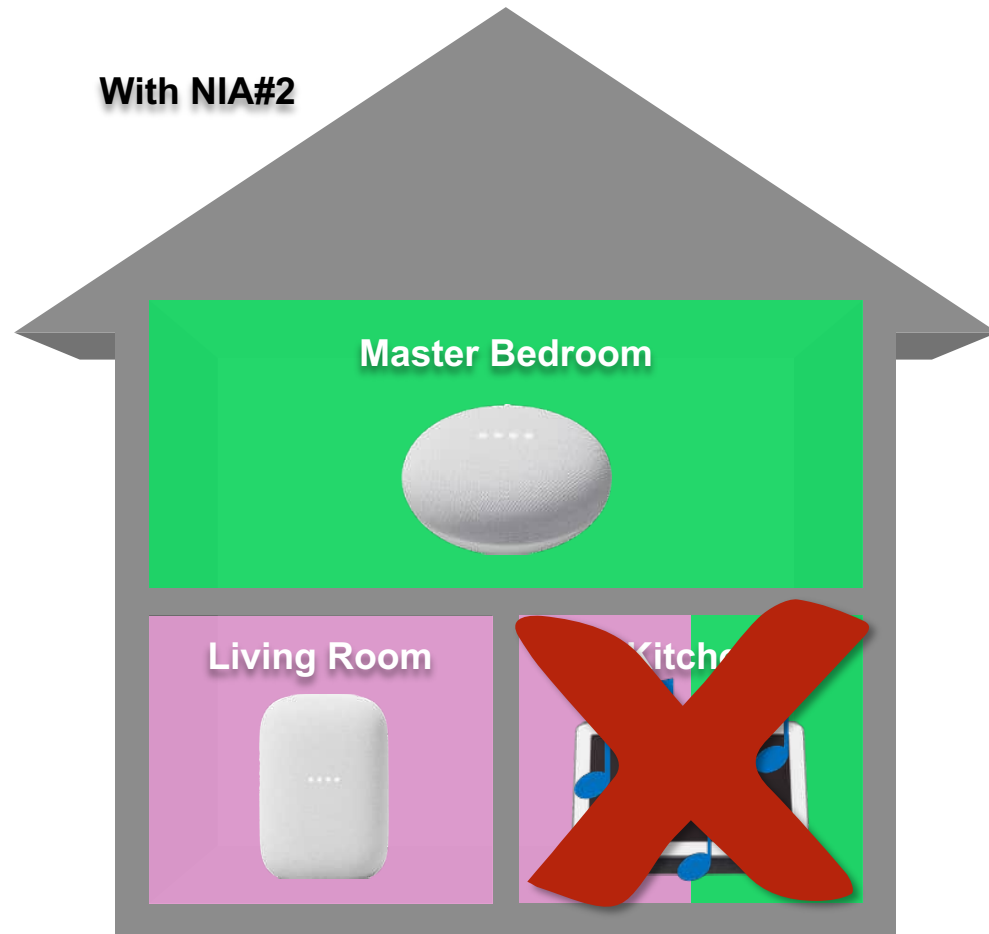
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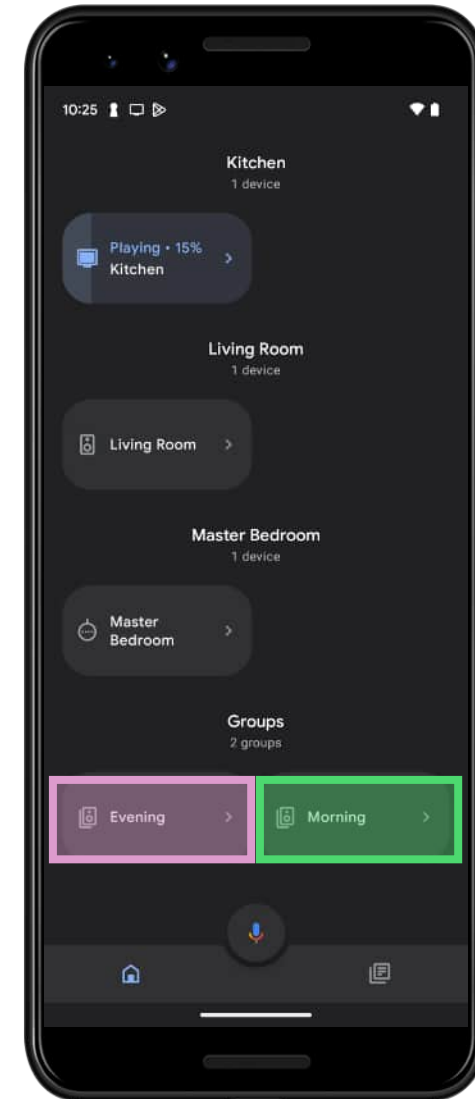
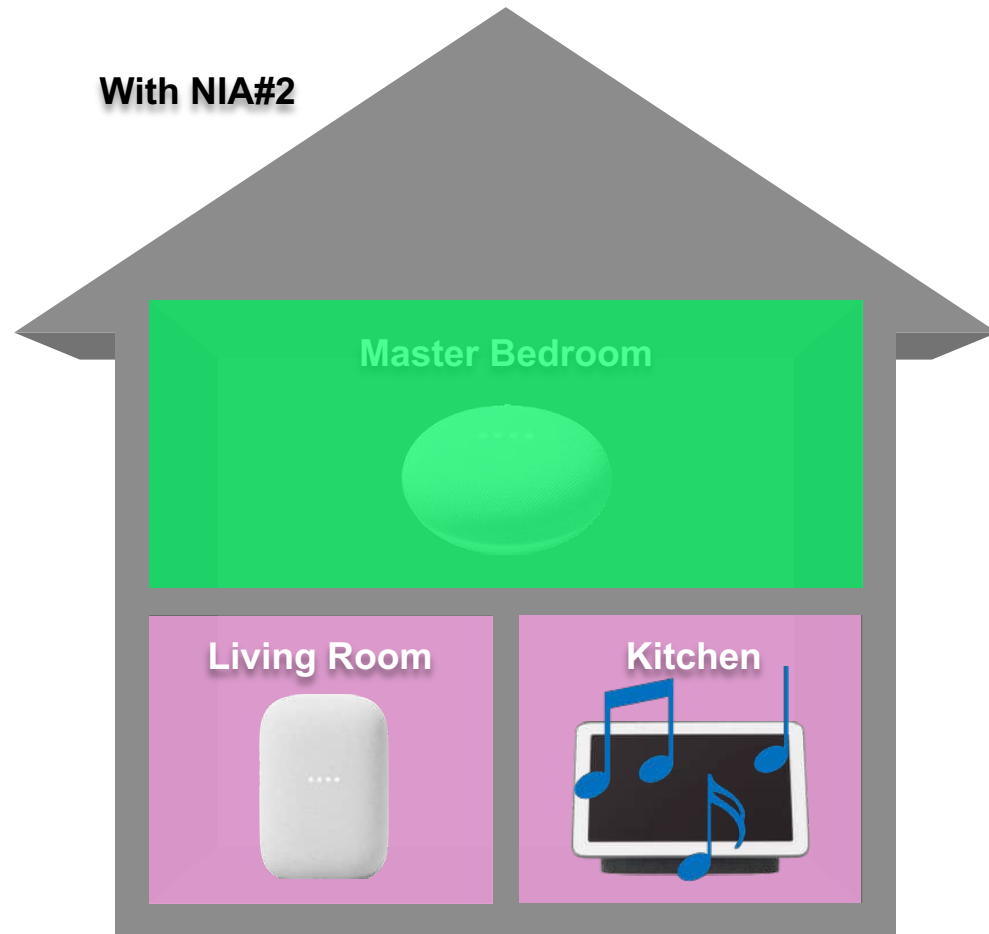
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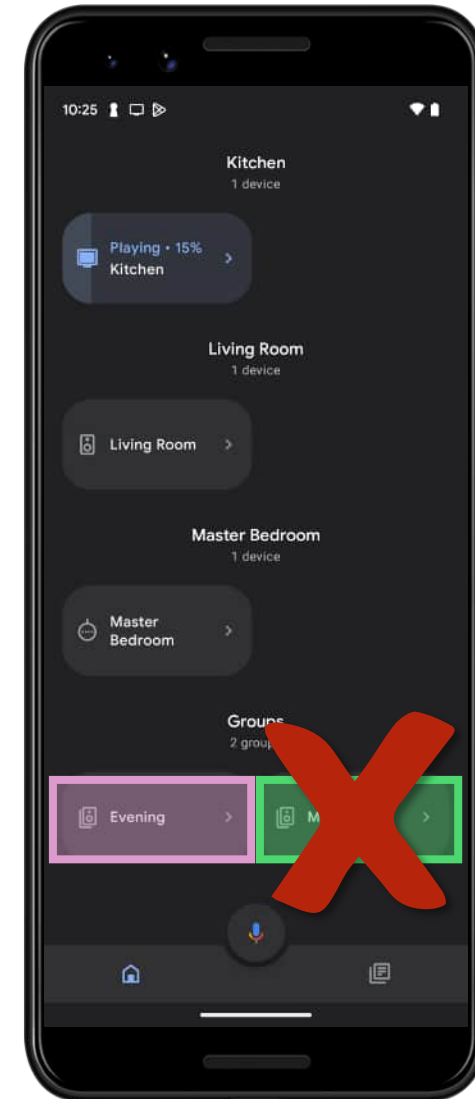
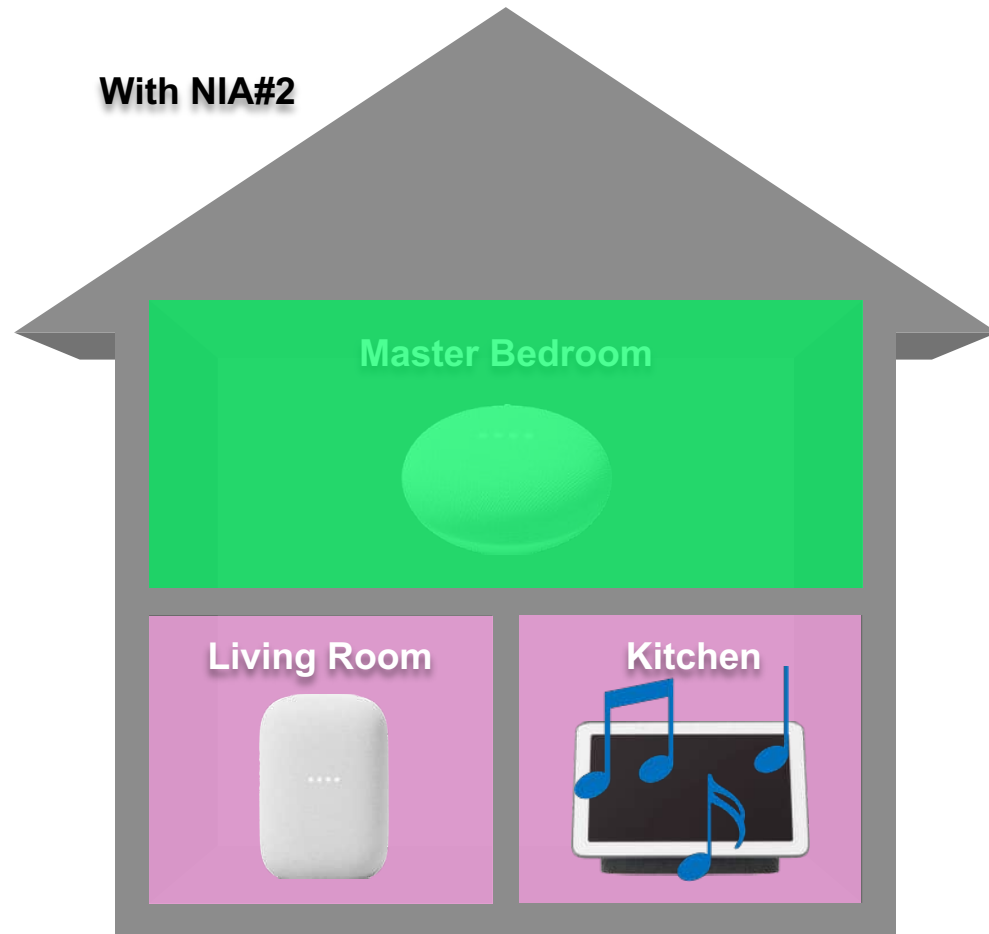


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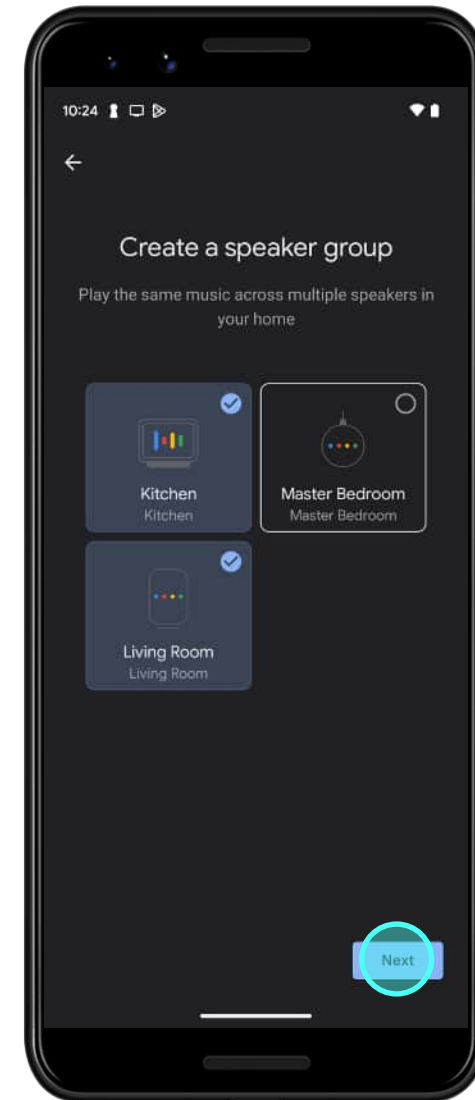
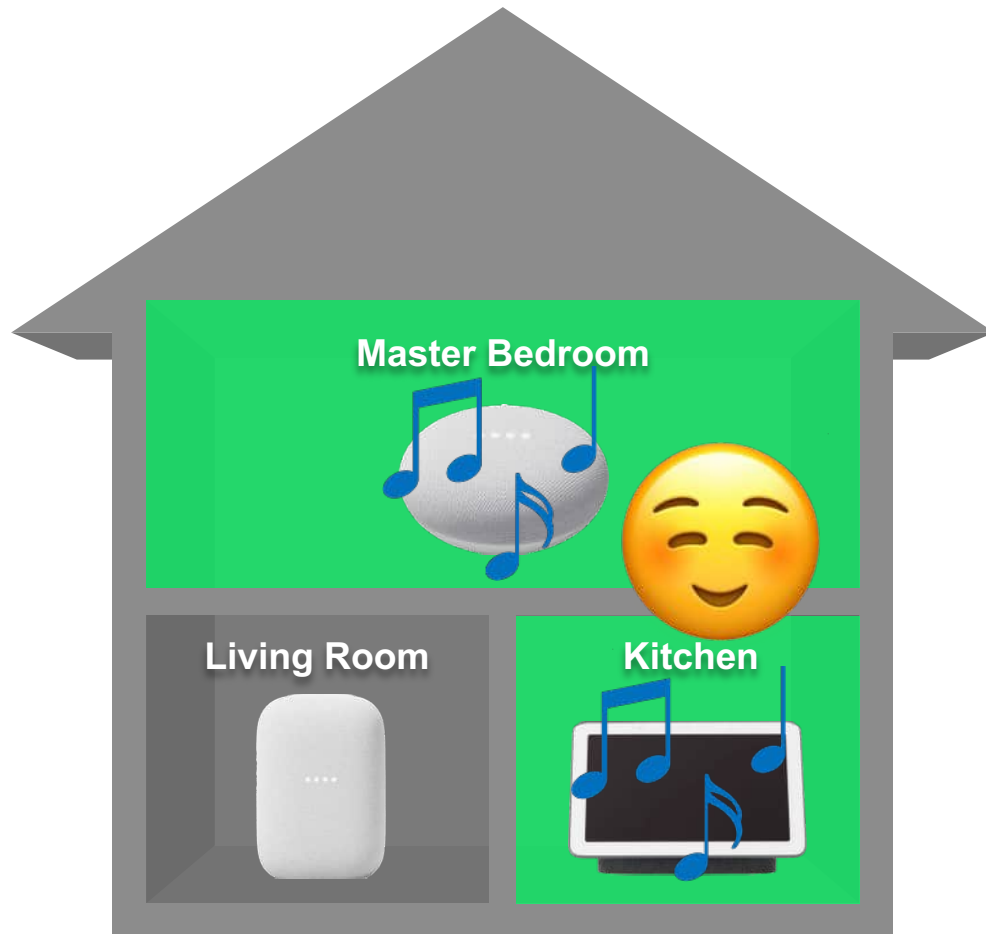




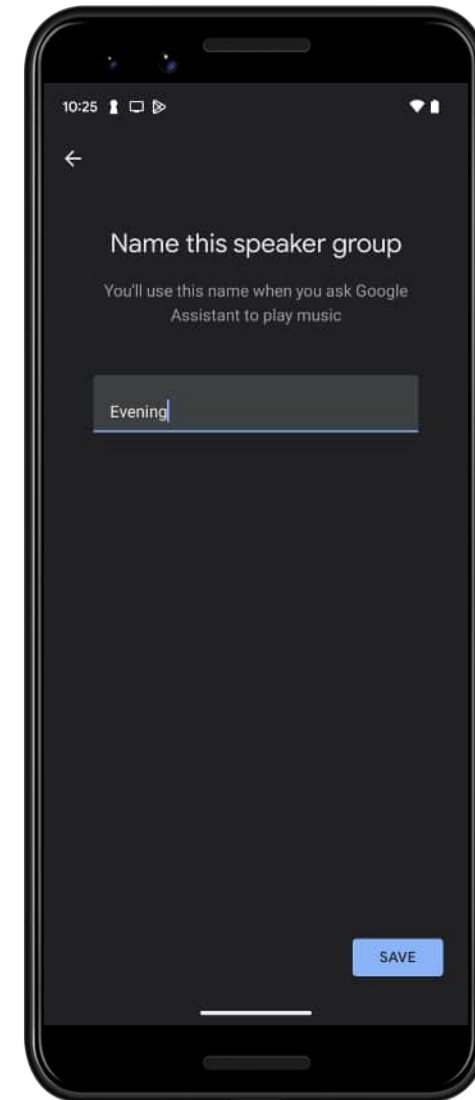
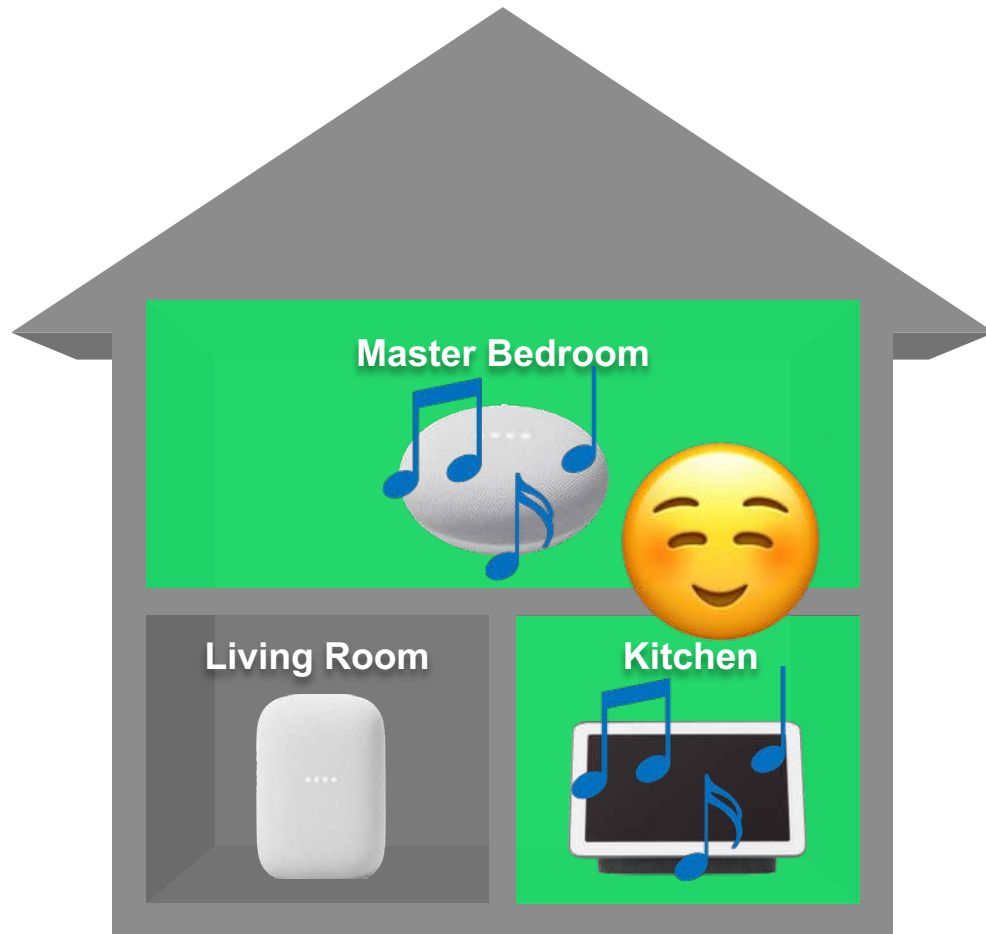
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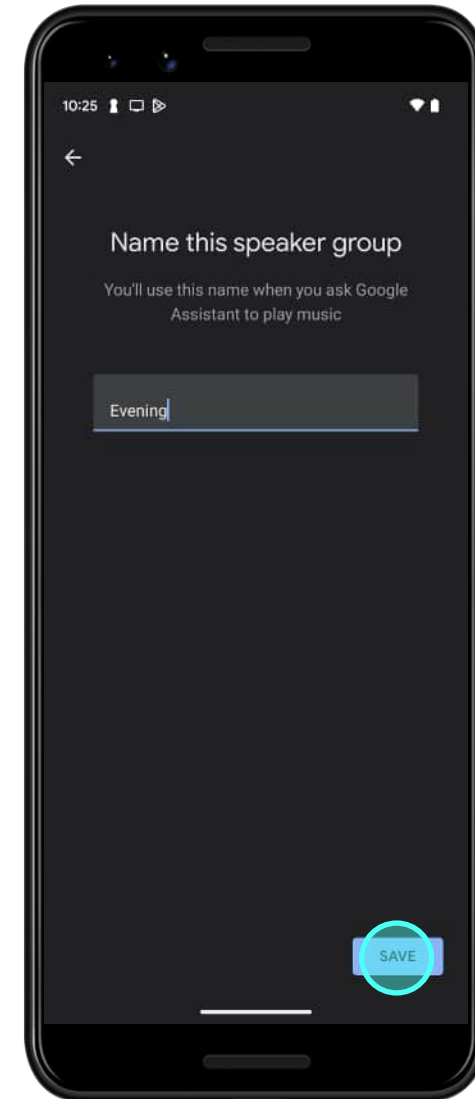
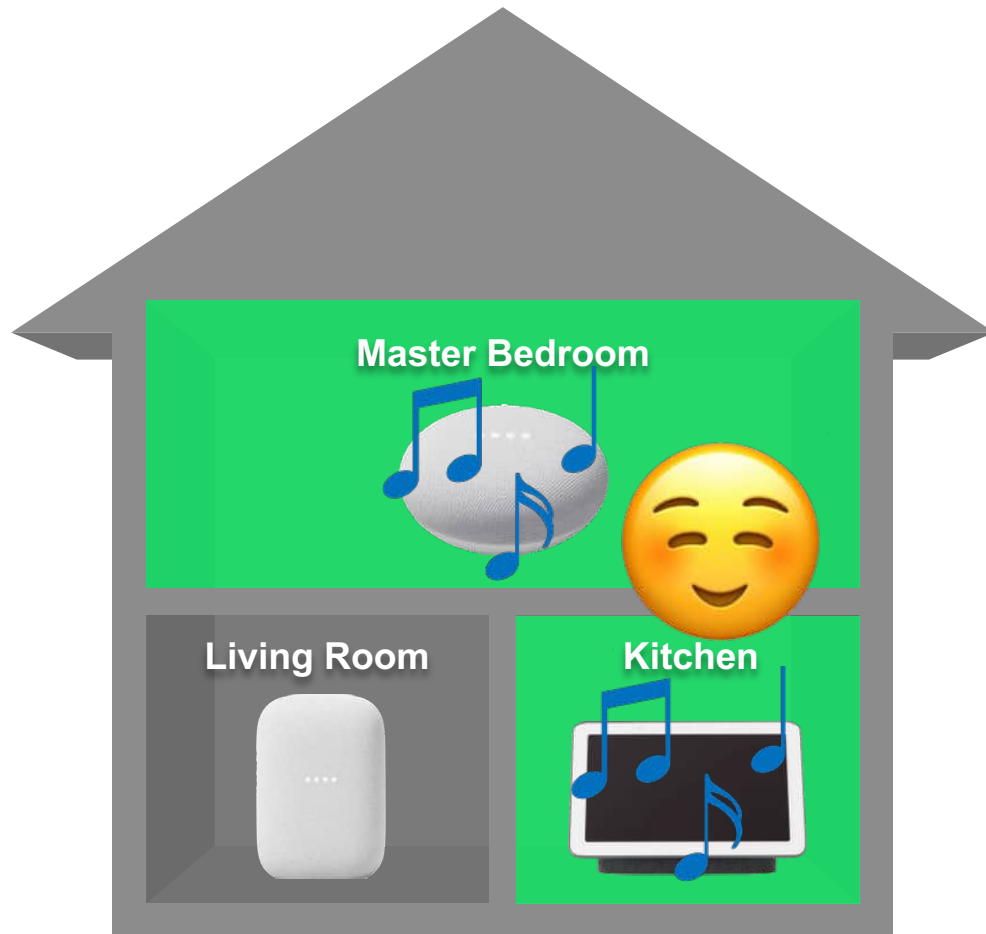
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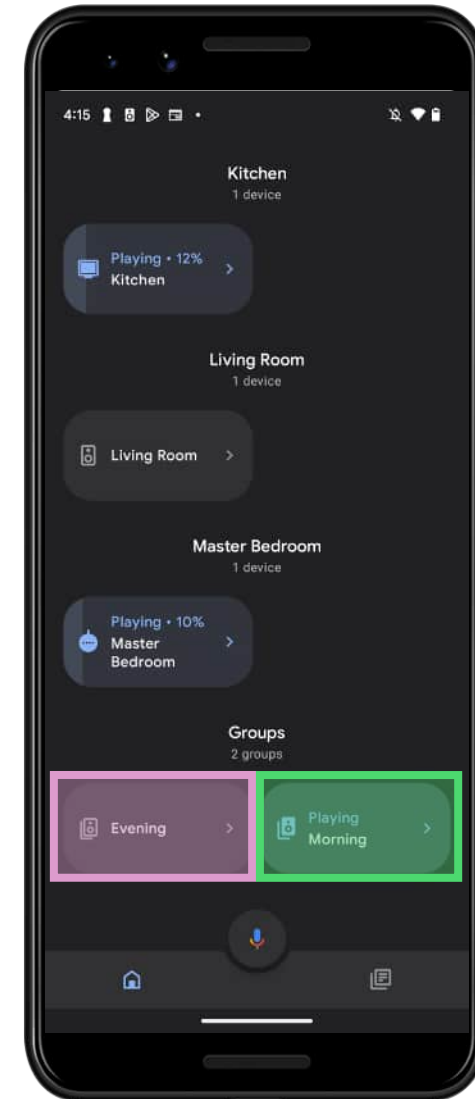
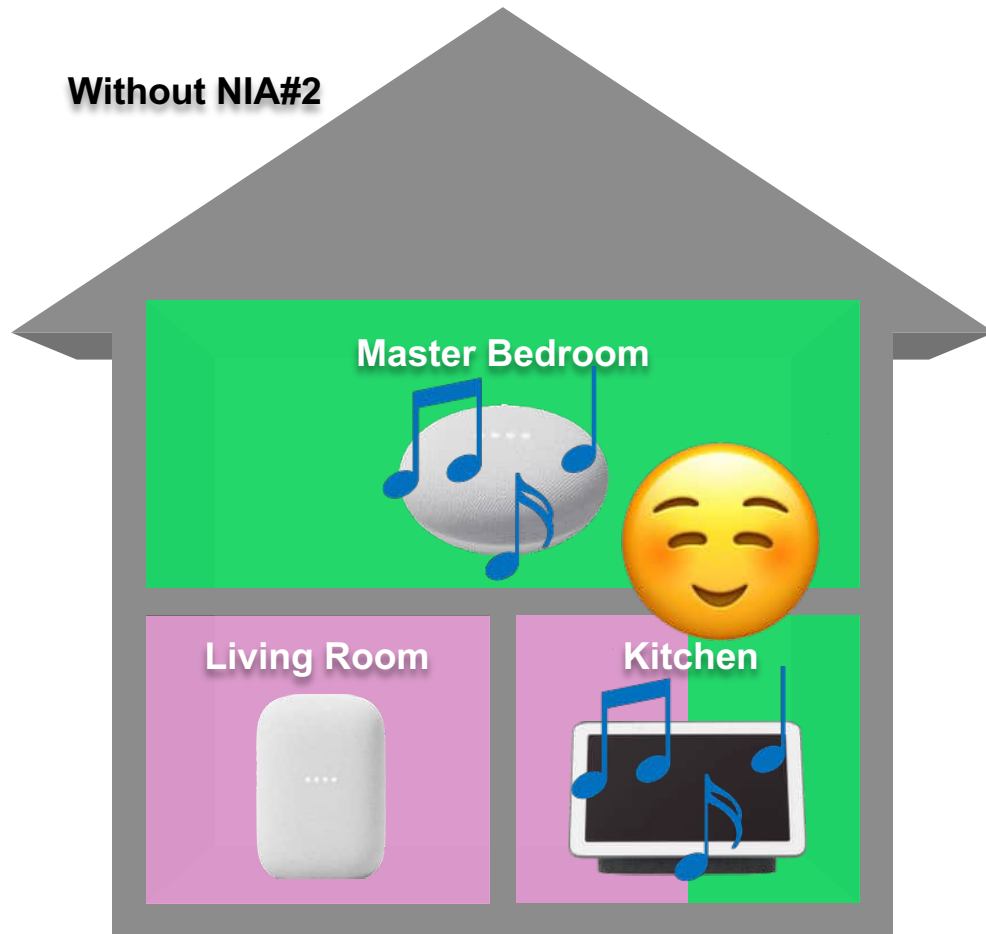


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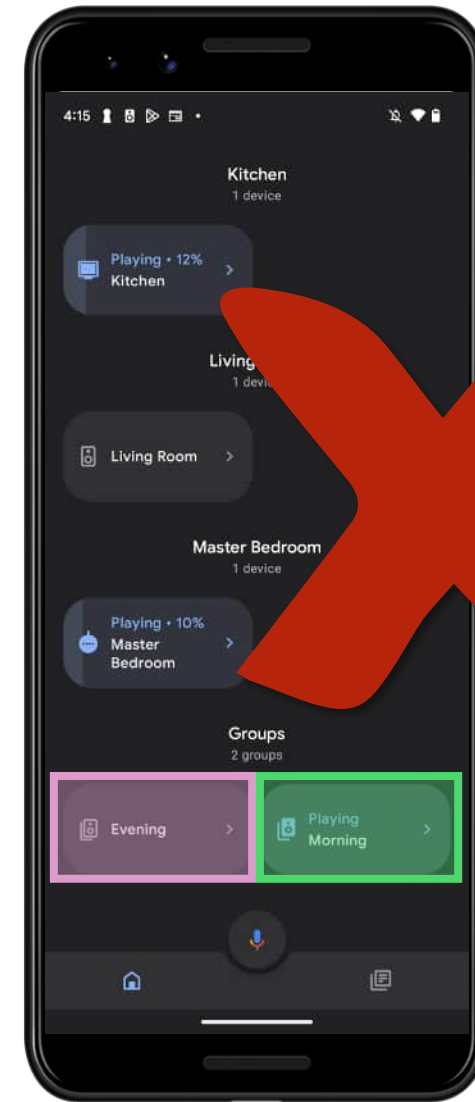


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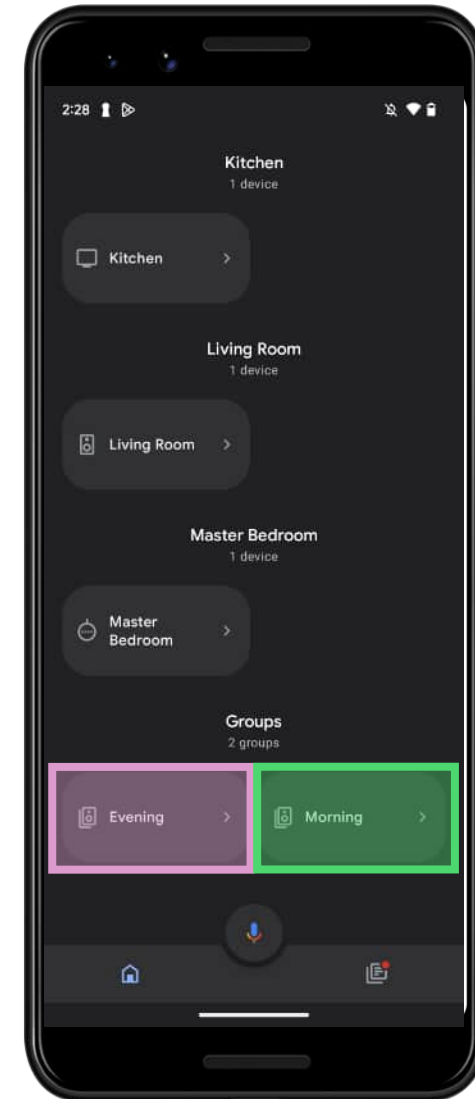
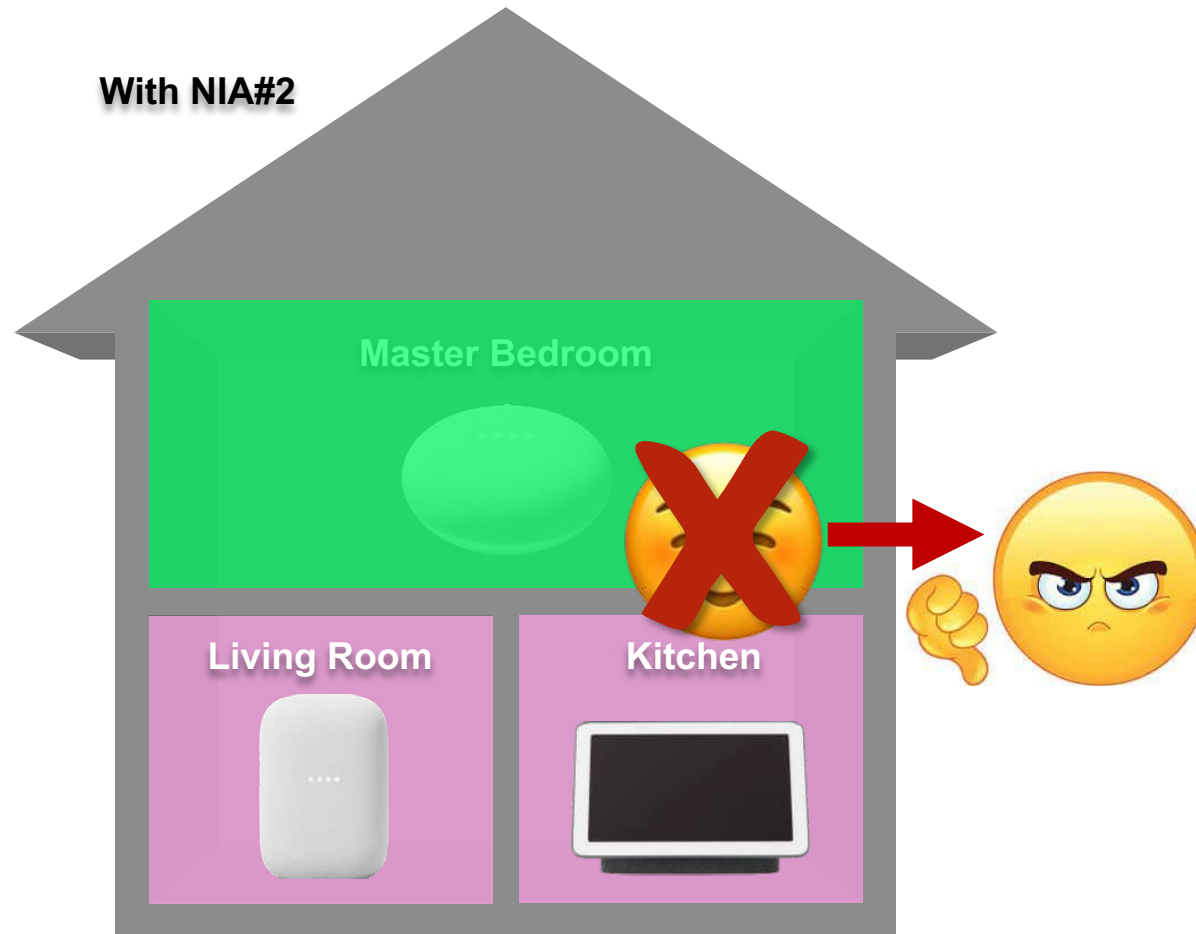
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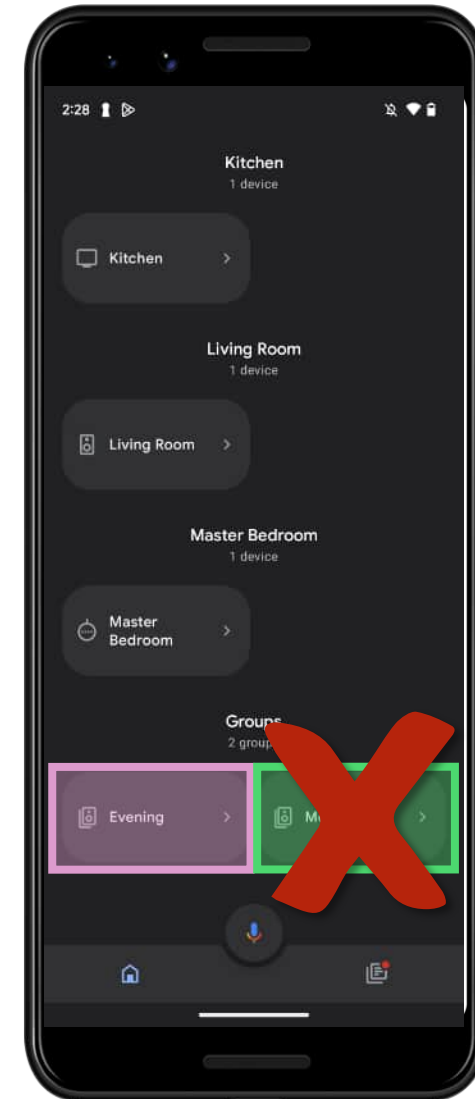
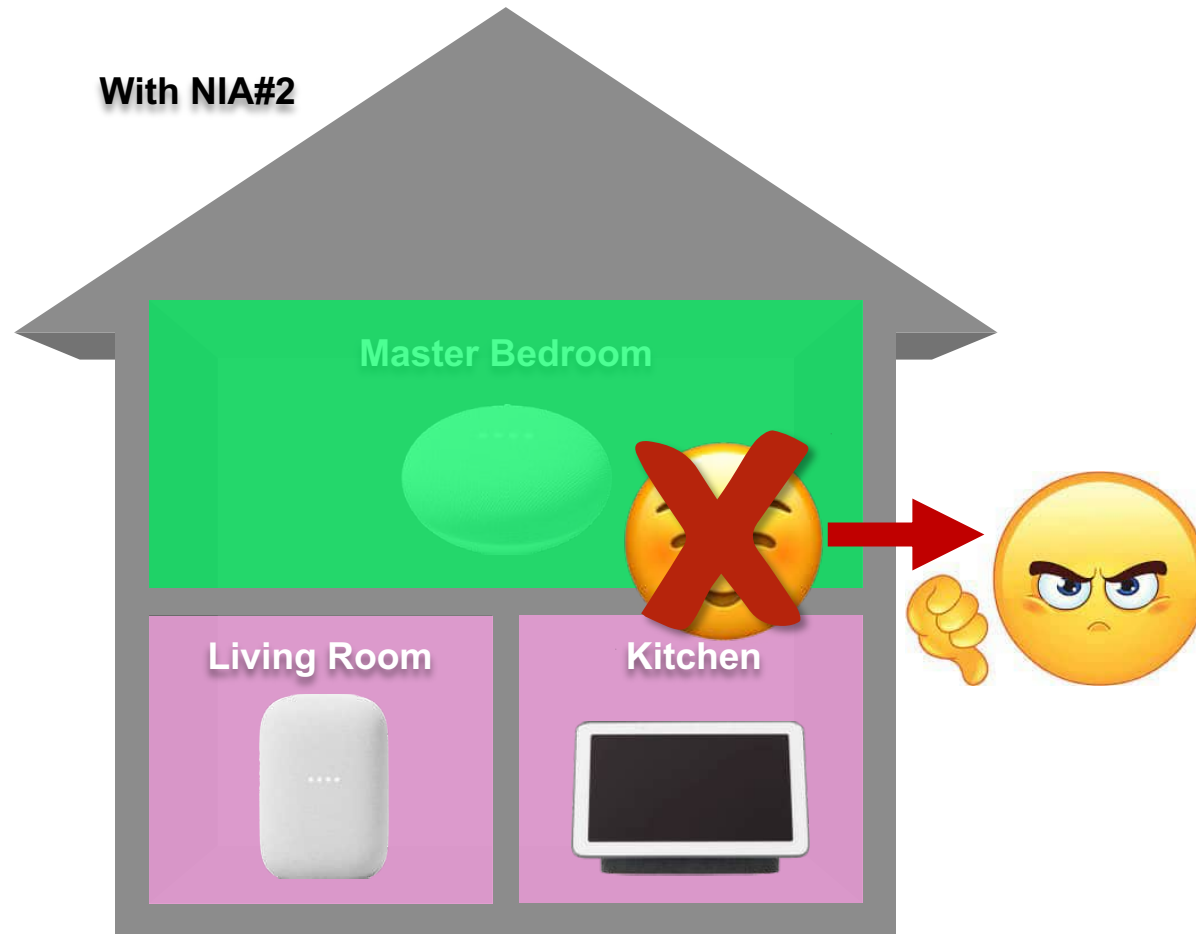
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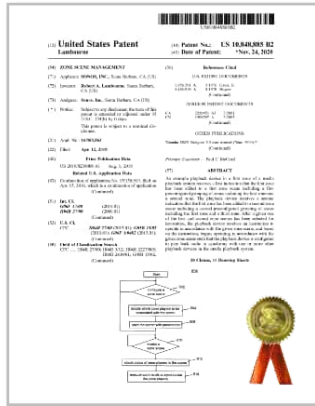




# Sonos's Use of the '885 Patent

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Asserted Claim	Sonos Products	Practice?
Claim 1 of US 10,848,885		?



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- US 10,848,885
- File History
- Claim Construction Material



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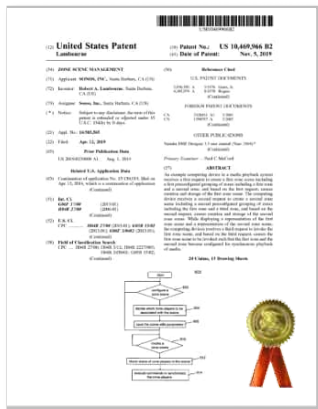
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# Sonos's Use of the '966 Patent

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Asserted Claim	Third Party Device with Sonos App	Practice?
Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16 of US 10,469,966		?



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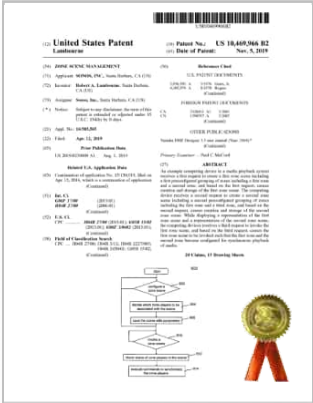
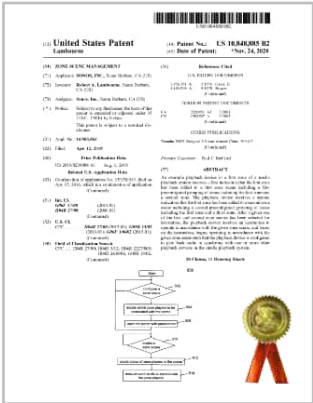
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# Comparability of IFTTT Applets

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Asserted Claim	IFTTT Applets	Comparable?
Claim 1 of US 10,848,885		?
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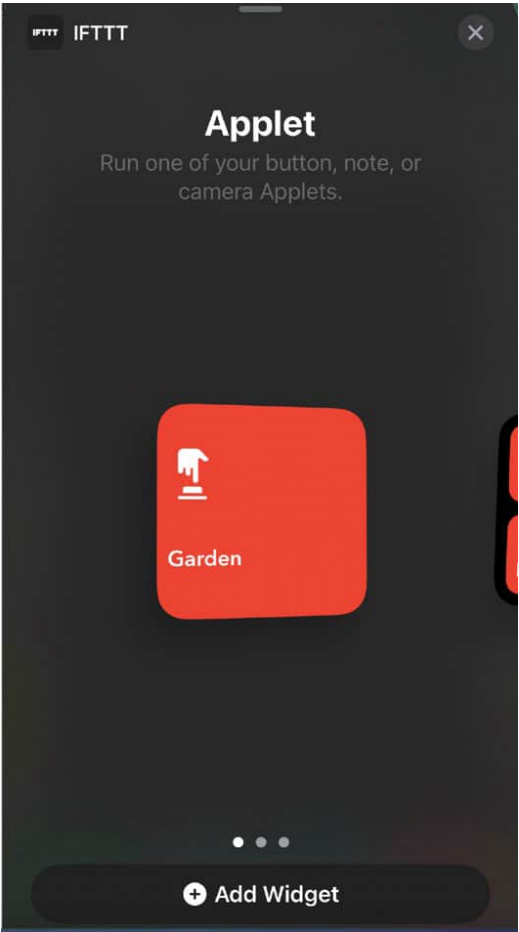
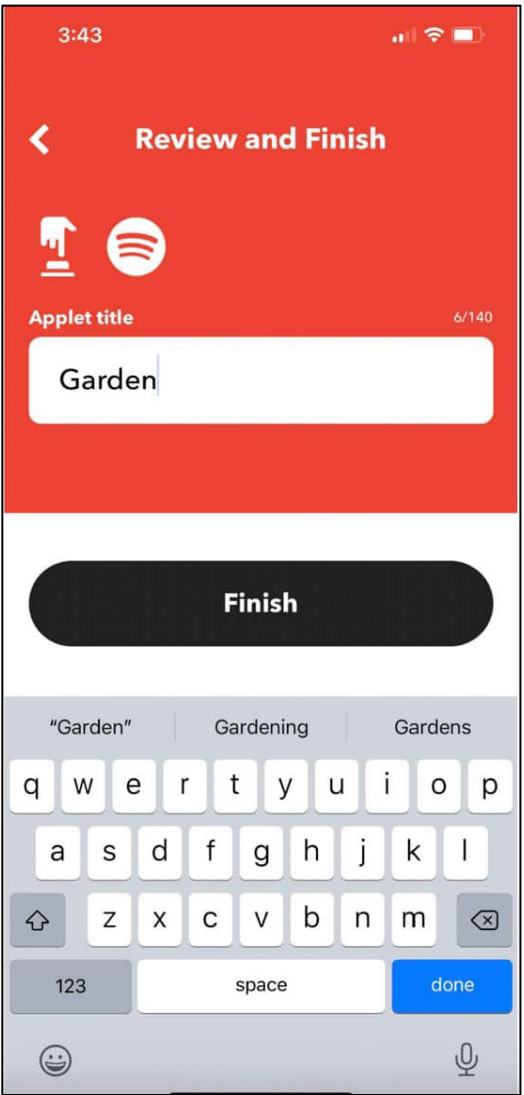
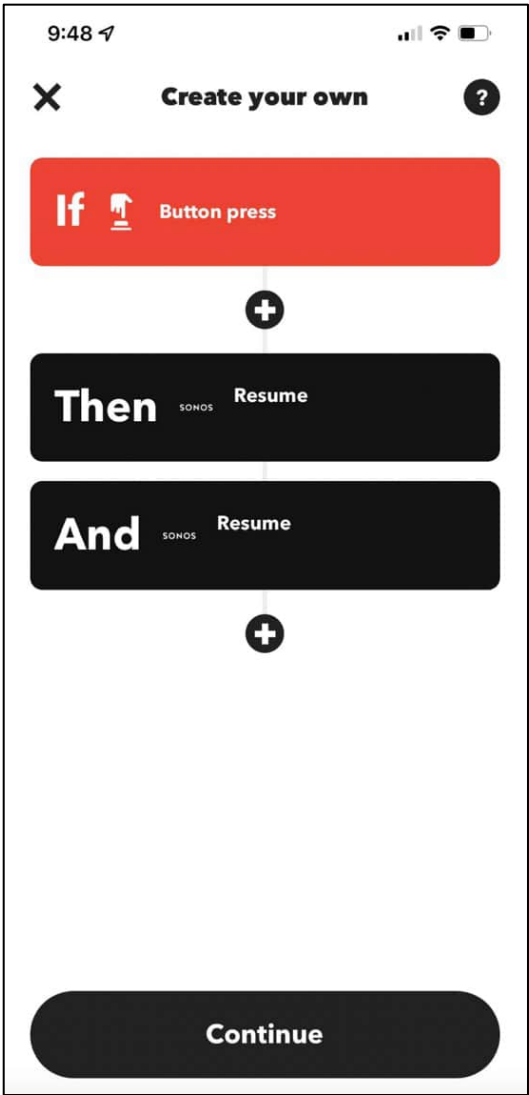
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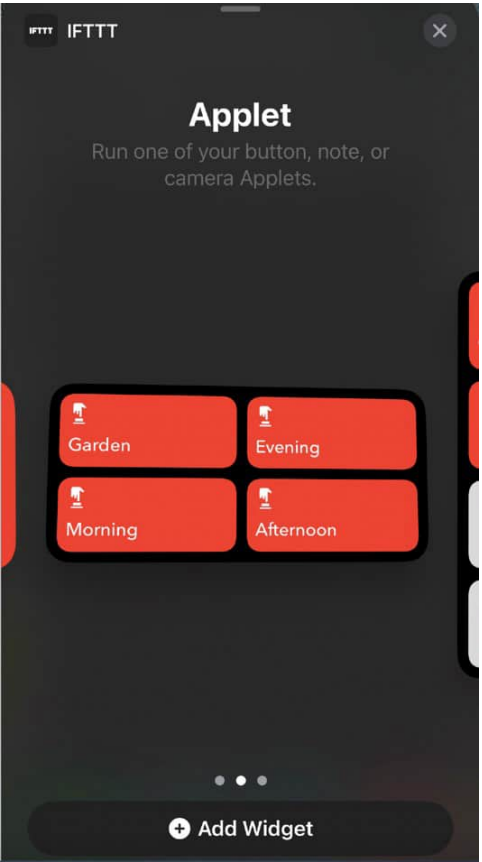
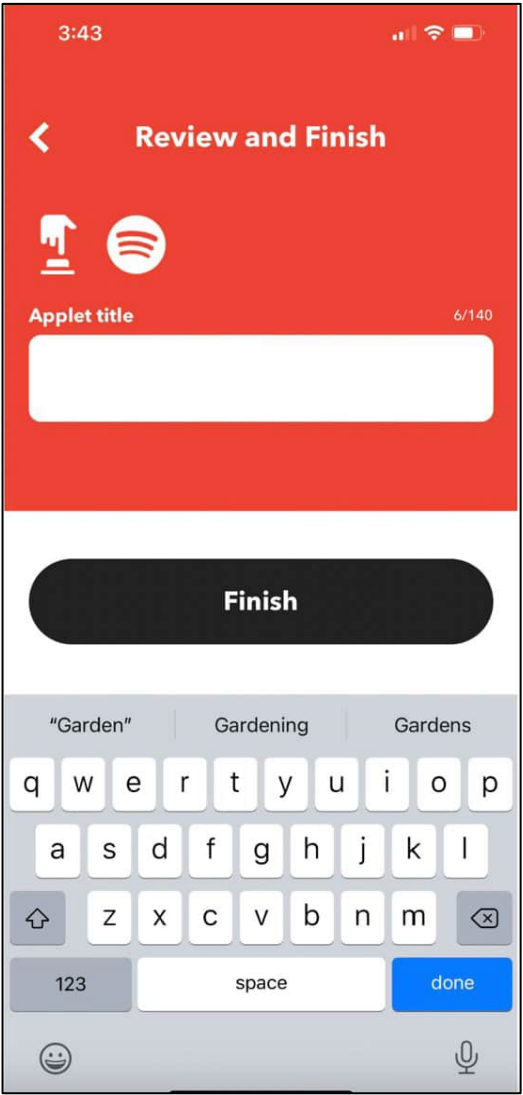
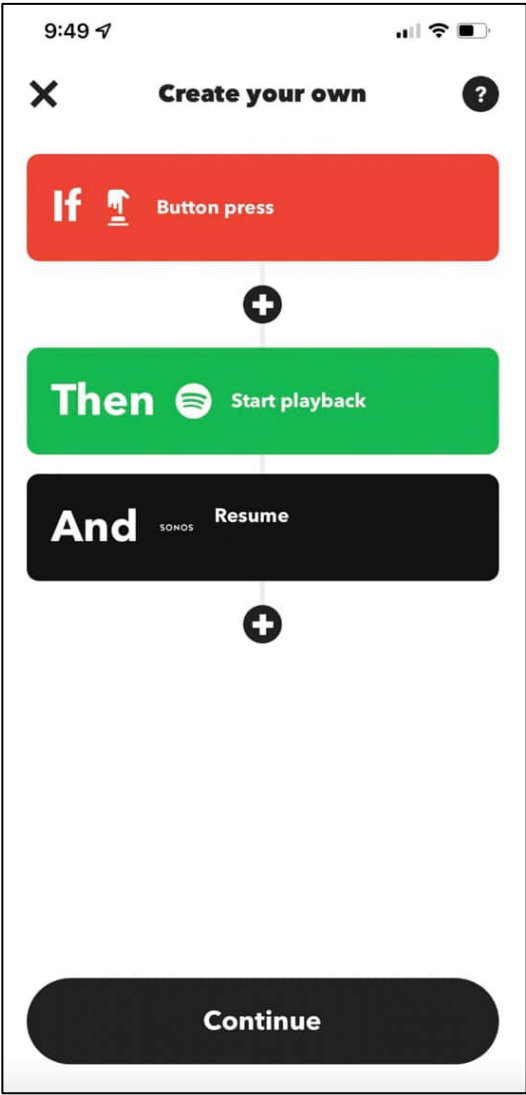
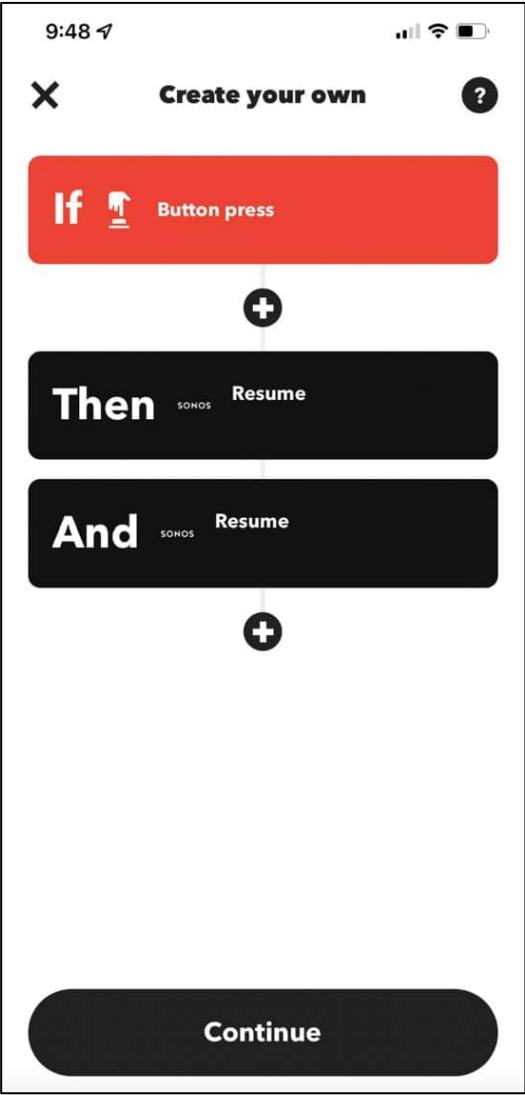
## IFTTT Applet Operation


- Testing and Use

# Assignment – Comparability of IFTTT Applets



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Claim 1 of US 10,848,885		✓
Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16 of US 10,469,966		✓

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# Qualifications

## Academic Appointments



**Professor, Dept. of Computer Science**  
UC Santa Barbara (1997-2020)

**Vice Chair, Dept. of Computer Science**  
UC Santa Barbara (2001-2005)

**Associate Dean, College of Engineering**  
UC Santa Barbara (2007-2009)

## Education



**Georgia Institute of Technology**

Ph.D. Computer Science 1997

M.S. Computer Science 1994

B.S. Computer Science 1992

## Research Experience



25+ years of experience as a computer networking researcher



Approximately 200 peer-reviewed publications



19 released software systems



# Qualifications

## Relevant Experience



### Research themes include:

- Streaming media in the Internet
- Delivery of multimedia content between computing devices
- Wireless networking



### Active in Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) for 20+ years:

- Developed standards to support multimedia data delivery
- Developed standards to support network monitoring & management

## Industry Collaborations

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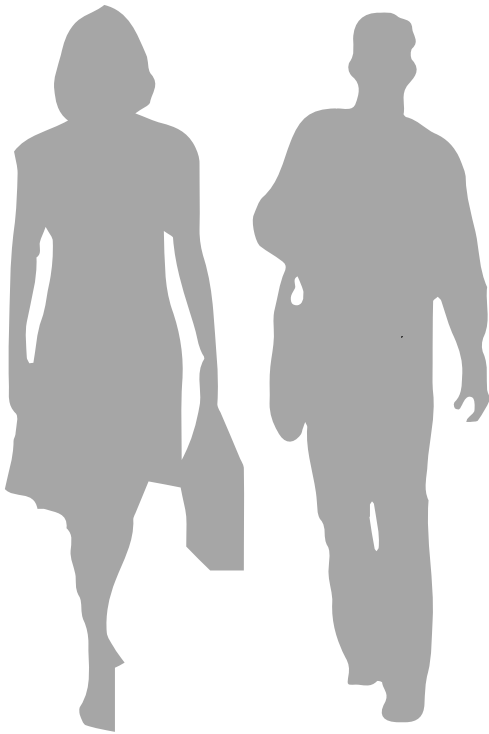


## Awards & Honors



- Numerous teaching awards
- Numerous honors and awards for original research
- Recognized as IEEE Fellow

## Person of Ordinary Skill in the Art



- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, or the equivalent




- 2-4 years of work experience in the fields of networking and network-based systems or applications, such as consumer audio systems, or an equivalent level of skill, knowledge, and experience

## Parties' Proposed Claim Constructions

Claim Term	Sonos	Google
<b>“zone player”</b>	Same as “playback device” “a data network device configured to process and output audio”	Same as “playback device” Plain and ordinary meaning, no construction necessary
<b>“data network”</b>	Plain and ordinary meaning, which is “a medium that interconnects devices, enabling them to send digital data packets to and receive digital data packets from each other”	Plain and ordinary meaning, no construction necessary
<b>“network interface”</b>	Plain and ordinary meaning, which is “a physical component of a device that provides an interconnection with a data network”	Plain and ordinary meaning, no construction necessary
<b>“zone scene”</b>	“a previously-saved grouping of zone players that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the zone scene is invoked”	“a previously saved grouping of zone players according to a common theme”

# Assignment – Validity of '885 Patent

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(12) <b>United States Patent Lambourne</b>	(10) <b>Patent No.: US 10,848,885 B2</b> (45) <b>Date of Patent: *Nov. 24, 2020</b>
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(54) <b>ZONE SCENE MANAGEMENT</b> (71) Applicant: <b>SONOS, INC.</b> , Santa Barbara, CA (US) (72) Inventor: <b>Robert A. Lambourne</b> , Santa Barbara, CA (US) (73) Assignee: <b>Sonos, Inc.</b> , Santa Barbara, CA (US) (*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days. This patent is subject to a terminal disclaimer. (21) Appl. No.: <b>16/383,561</b> (22) Filed: <b>Apr. 12, 2019</b> (65) <b>Prior Publication Data</b> US 2019/0239008 A1 Aug. 1, 2019 <b>Related U.S. Application Data</b> (63) Continuation of application No. 15/130,919, filed on Apr. 15, 2016, which is a continuation of application (Continued) (51) <b>Int. Cl.</b> <b>G06F 17/00</b> (2019.01) <b>H04R 27/00</b> (2006.01) (Continued) (52) <b>U.S. Cl.</b> CPC ..... <b>H04R 27/00</b> (2013.01); <b>G05B 15/02</b> (2013.01); <b>G06F 3/0482</b> (2013.01); (Continued) (58) <b>Field of Classification Search</b> CPC .... H04R 27/00; H04R 3/12; H04R 2227/005; H04R 2430/01; G05B 15/02; (Continued)	(56) <b>References Cited</b> <b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b> 3,956,591 A 5/1976 Gates, Jr. 4,105,974 A 8/1978 Rogers (Continued) <b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b> CA 2320451 A1 3/2001 CN 1598767 A 3/2005 (Continued) <b>OTHER PUBLICATIONS</b> Yamaha DME Designer 3.5 user manual (Year: 2004).* (Continued) <i>Primary Examiner</i> — Paul C McCord (57) <b>ABSTRACT</b> An example playback device in a first zone of a media playback system receives a first indication that the first zone has been added to a first zone scene including a first preconfigured grouping of zones including the first zone and a second zone. The playback device receives a second indication that the first zone has been added to a second zone scene including a second preconfigured grouping of zones including the first zone and a third zone. After a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, the playback device receives an instruction to operate in accordance with the given zone scene, and based on the instruction, begins operating in accordance with the given zone scene such that the playback device is configured to play back audio in synchrony with one or more other playback devices in the media playback system.  <b>20 Claims, 11 Drawing Sheets</b>

## “Zone Scene” Grouping Involves Two Separate and Distinct Phases

[1.0] A first zone player comprising:

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[1.5] while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:

[1.6] (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and

[1.7] (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;

[1.8] after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;

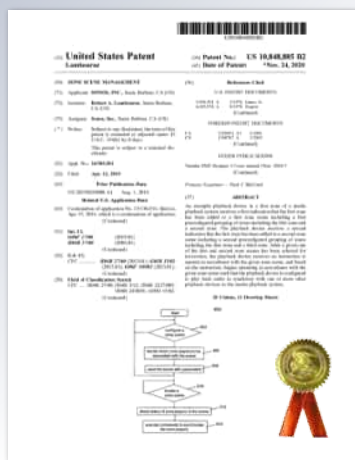
[1.9] after the given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation, receiving, from the network device over the data network, an instruction to operate in accordance with a given one of the first and second zone scenes respectively comprising a given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players; and

[1.10] based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

Setup Phase

Invocation Phase

# “Zone Scene” Grouping Involves Two Separate and Distinct Phases



US 10,848,885, Claim 1

## 1. A first zone player comprising:

while operating in a standalone mode in which the first zone player is configured to play back media individually in a networked media playback system comprising the first zone player and at least two other zone players:

- (i) receiving, from a network device over a data network, a first indication that the first zone player has been added to a first zone scene comprising a first predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a second zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the first zone scene is invoked; and
  - (ii) receiving, from the network device over the data network, a second indication that the first zone player has been added to a second zone scene comprising a second predefined grouping of zone players including at least the first zone player and a third zone player that are to be configured for synchronous playback of media when the second zone scene is invoked, wherein the second zone player is different than the third zone player;
- after receiving the first and second indications, continuing to operate in the standalone mode until a given one of the first and second zone scenes has been selected for invocation;

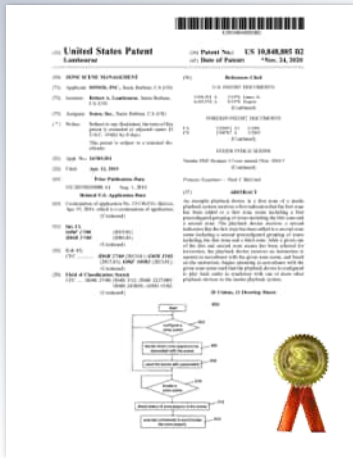
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based on the instruction, transitioning from operating in the standalone mode to operating in accordance with the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players such that the first zone player is configured to coordinate with at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players over a data network in order to output media in synchrony with output of media by the at least one other zone player in the given one of the first and second predefined groupings of zone players.

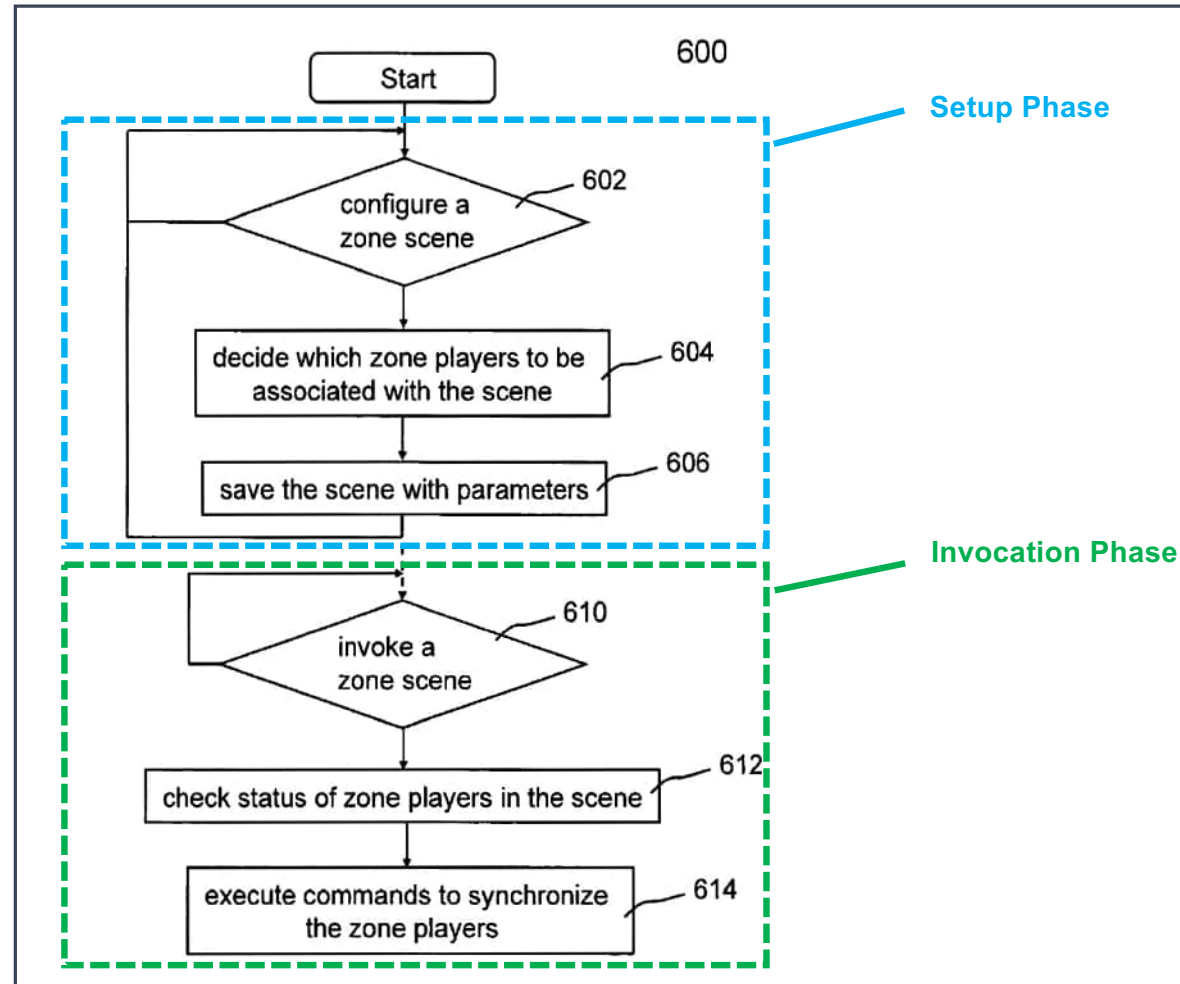
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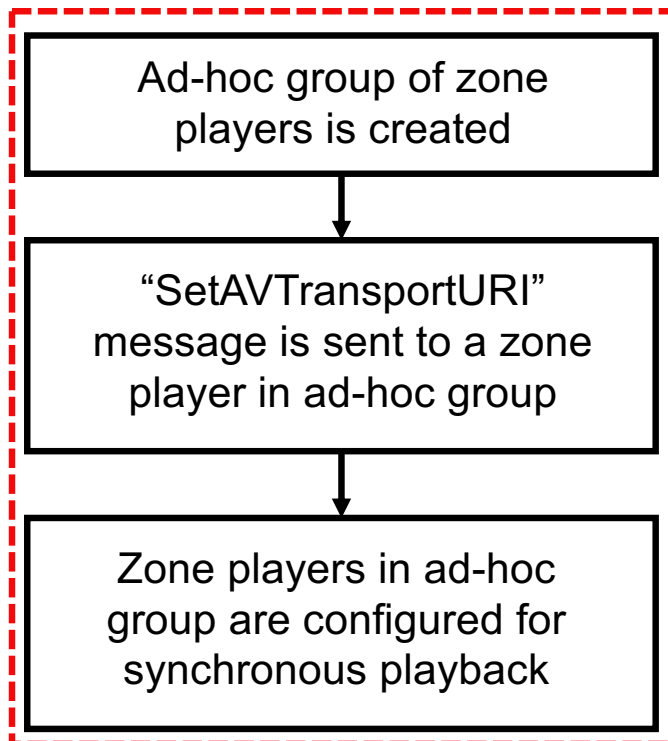


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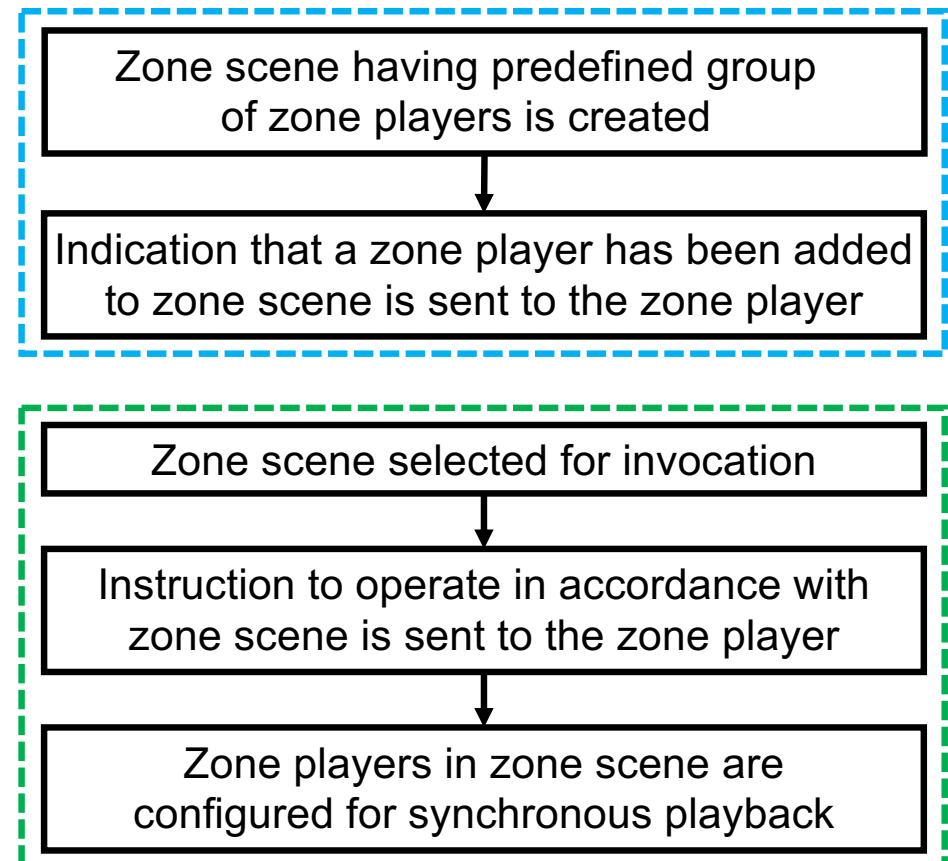


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## Ad-Hoc Grouping – Single Phase



## Zone Scene Grouping – Two Phases





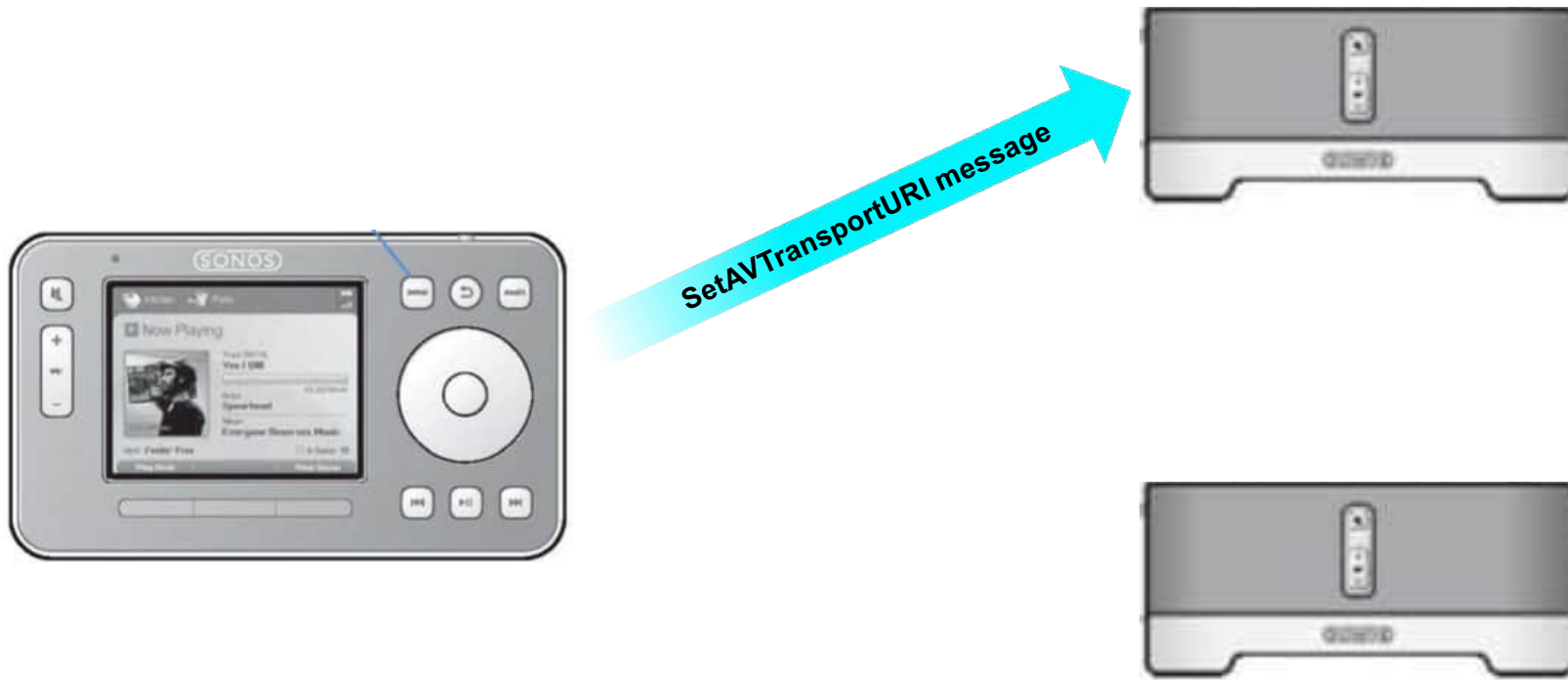
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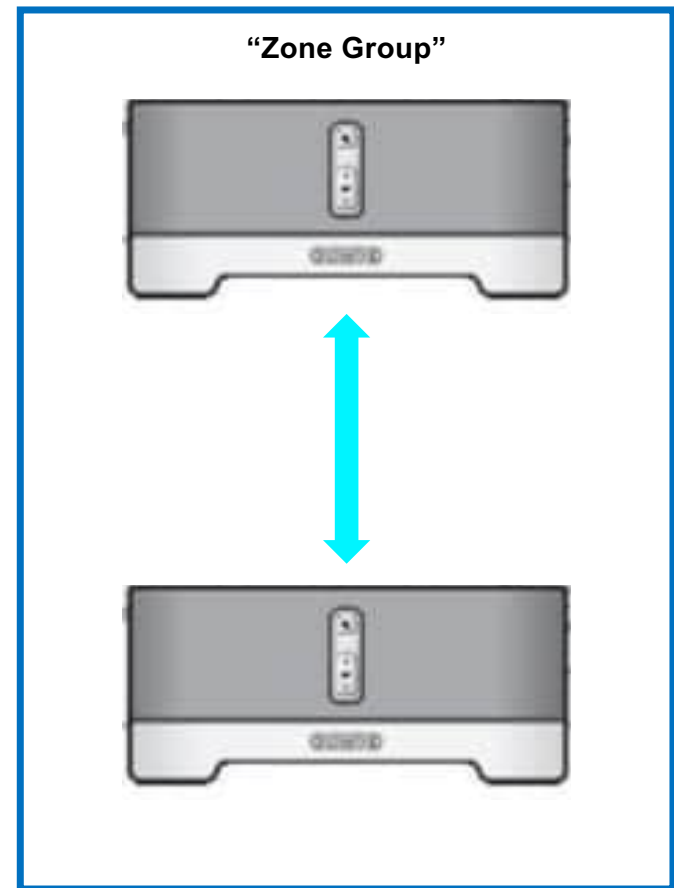
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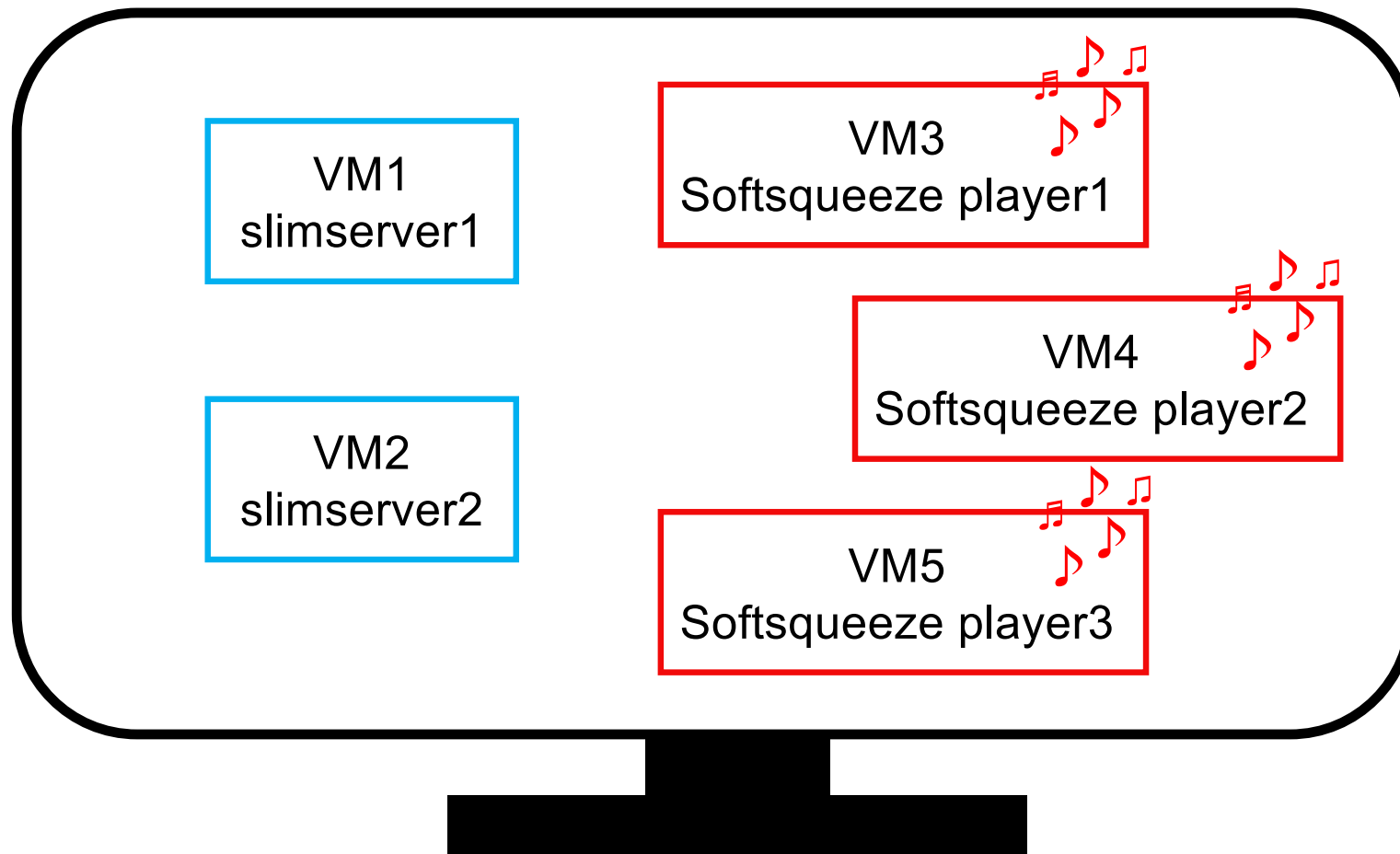
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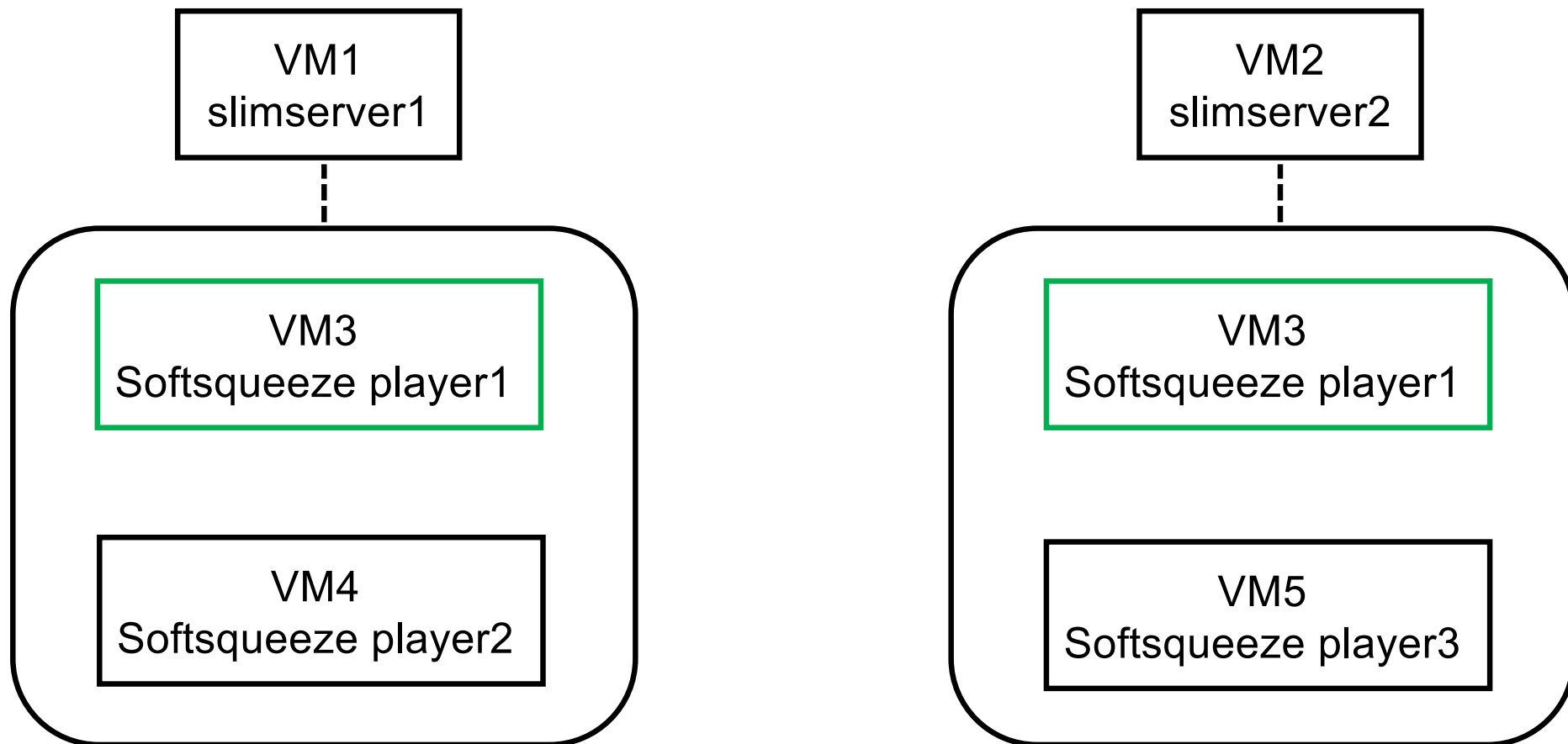
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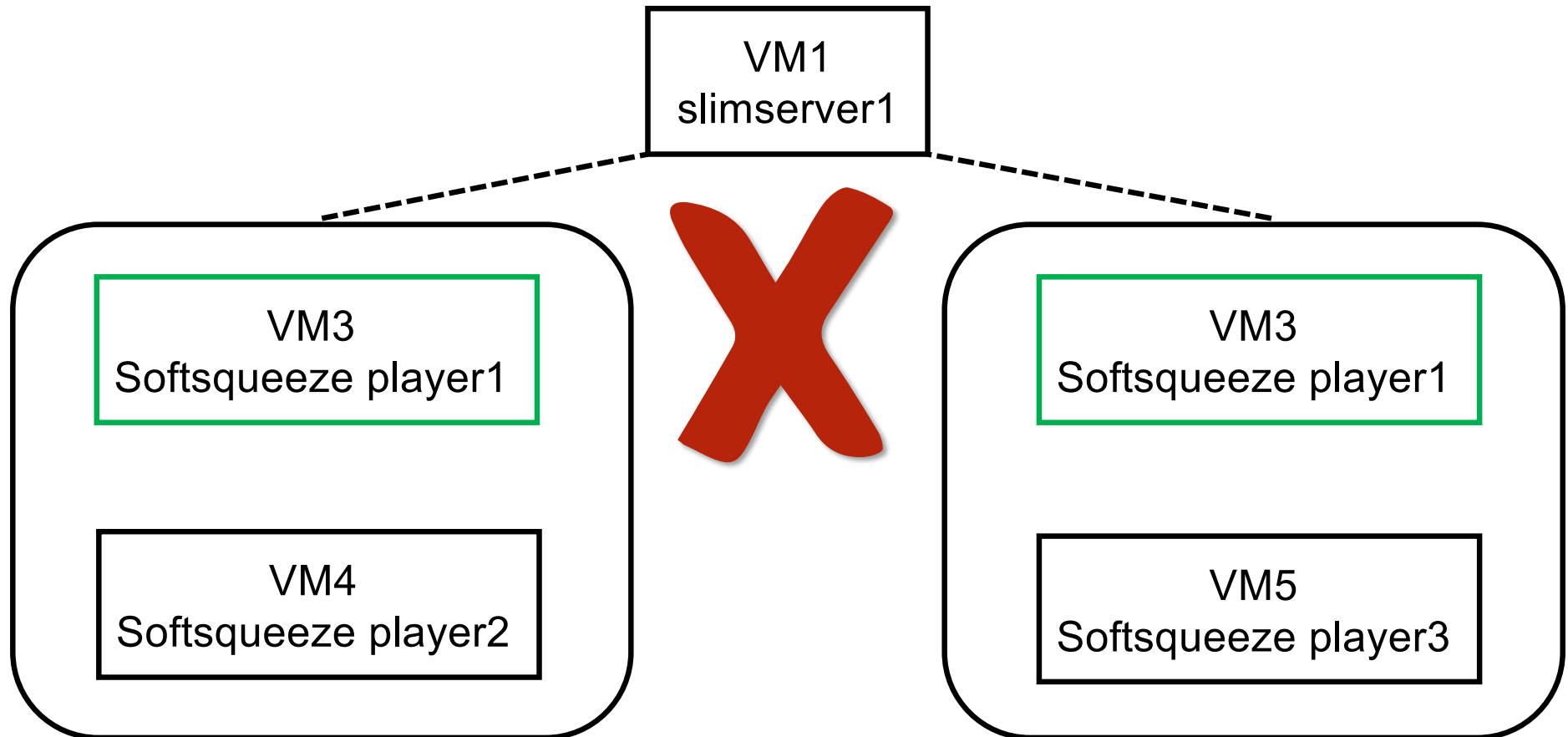
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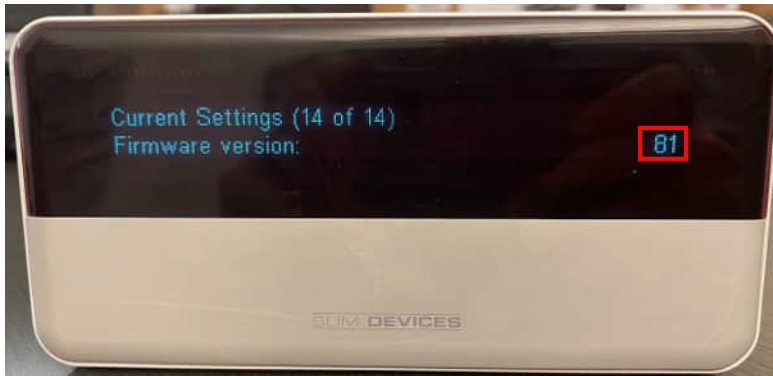
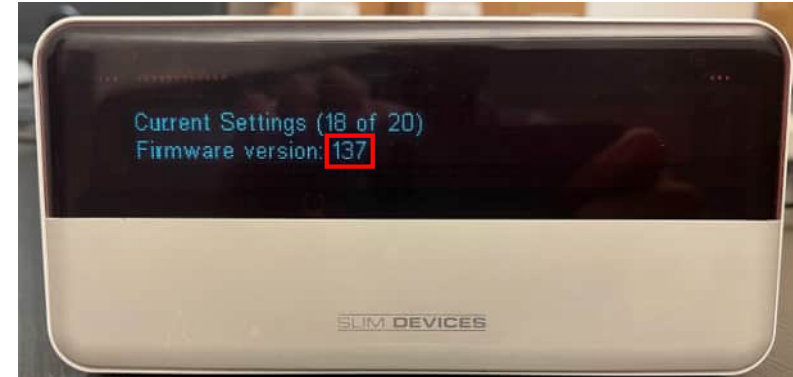
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## Squeezebox – Can't Have Overlapping “Sync Groups”

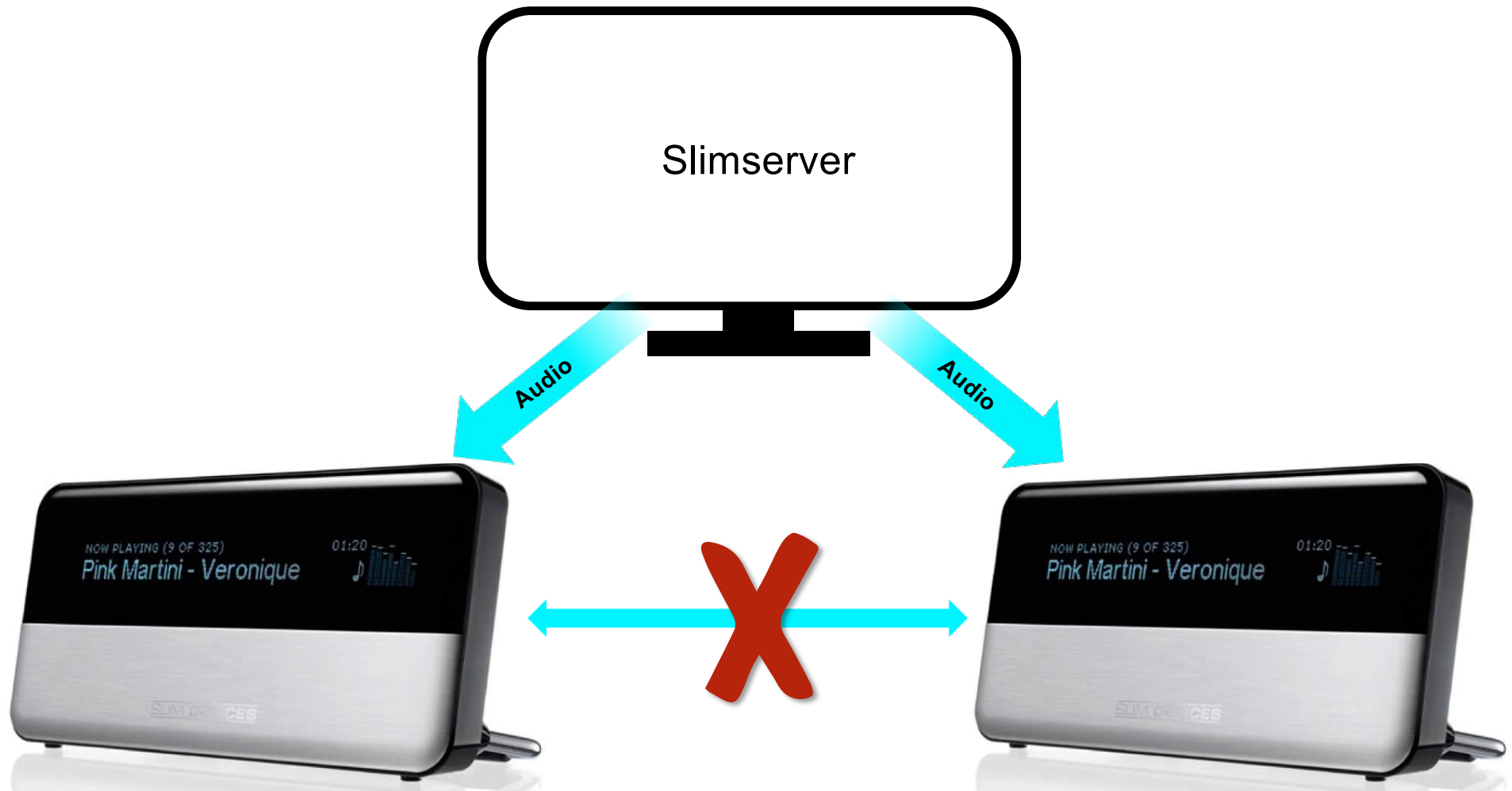


## Dr. Schonfeld's Physical Squeezebox Players Are Not Prior Art





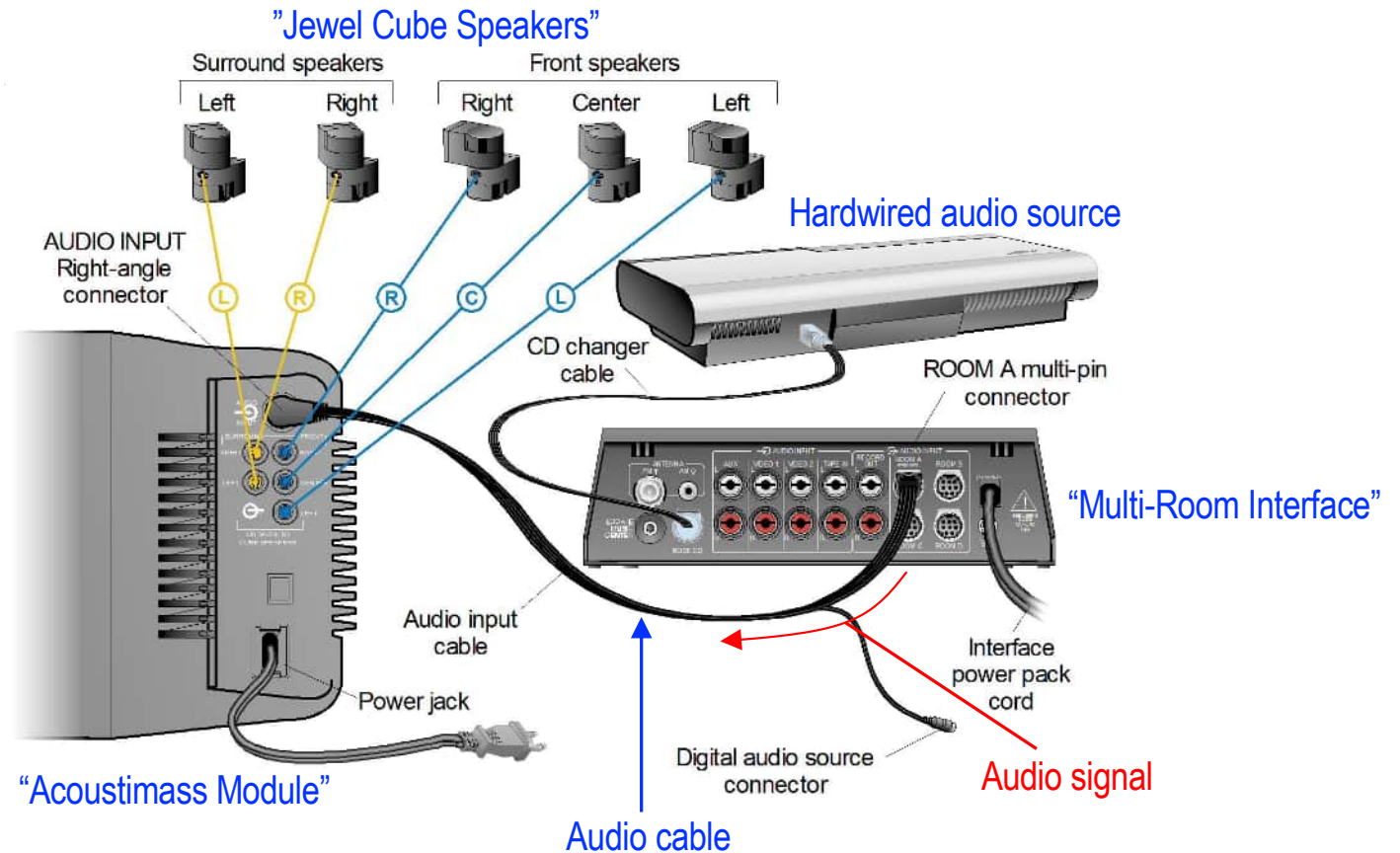
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# Bose Lifestyle 50 System



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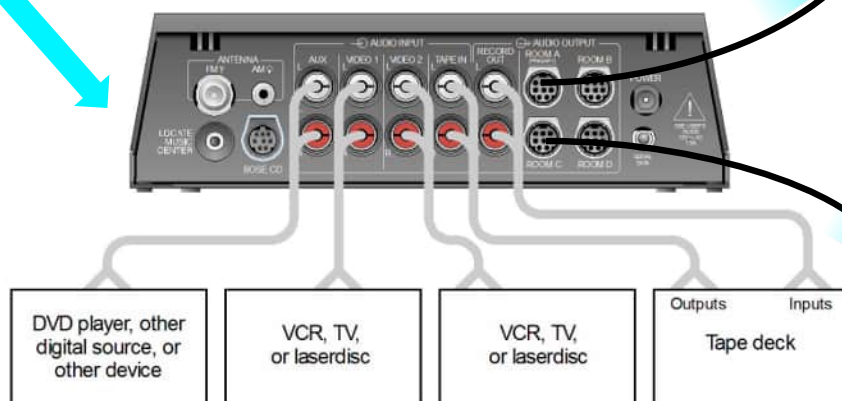


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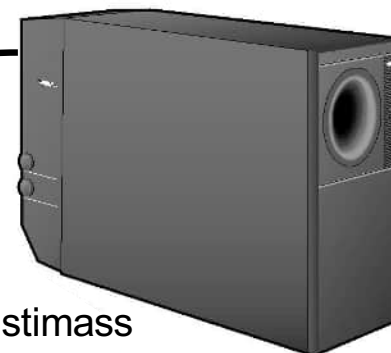


Multi-Room Interface



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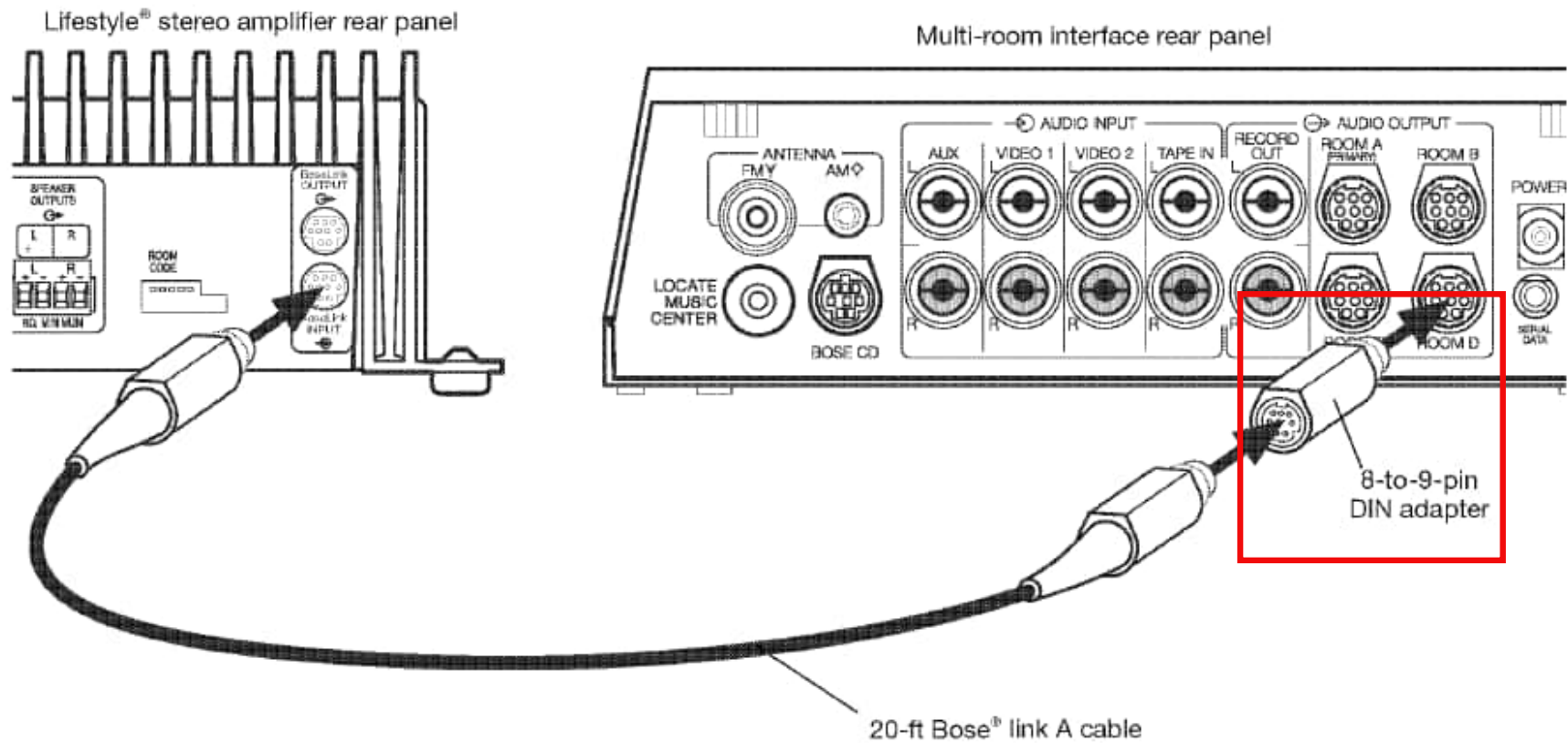


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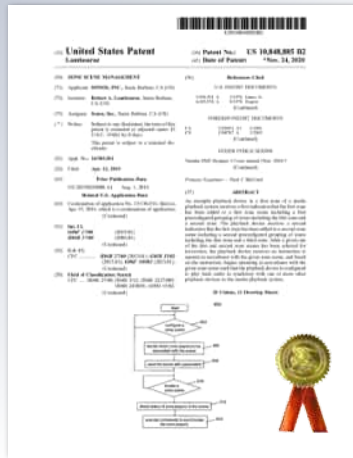
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## Bose Lifestyle 50 System Did Not Have Bose Link Capability



# Overlapping Zone Scenes Contemplated in '885 Patent Specification



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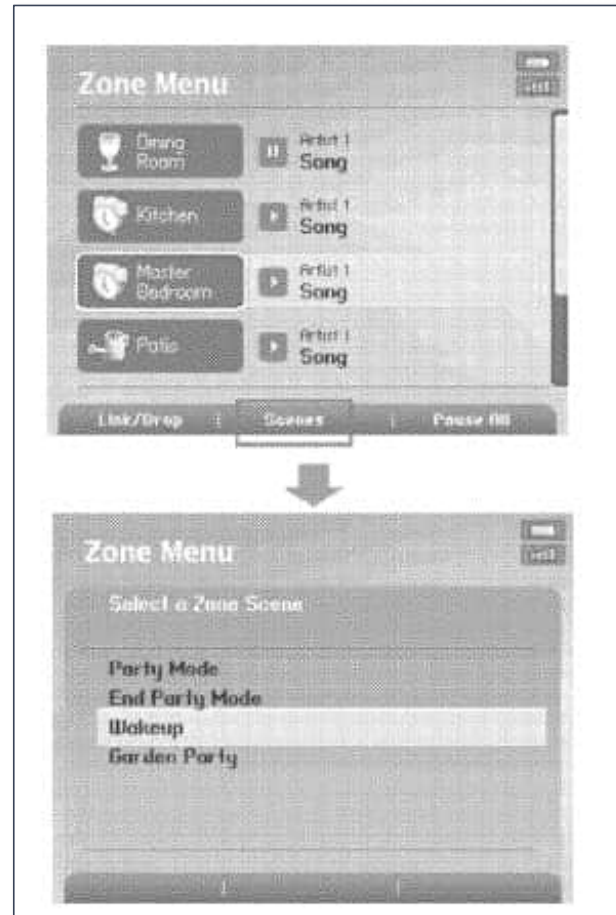
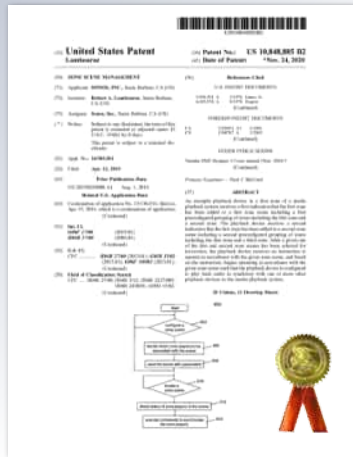


FIG. 8.

# Overlapping Zone Scenes Contemplated in '885 Patent Specification



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FIG. 5B shows another user interface **520** to allow a user to form a scene. The user interface **520** that may be displayed on a controller or a computing device, lists available zones in a system. The list of zones in the user interface **520** includes ALL the zones in the system, including the zones that are already grouped. A checkbox is provided next to each

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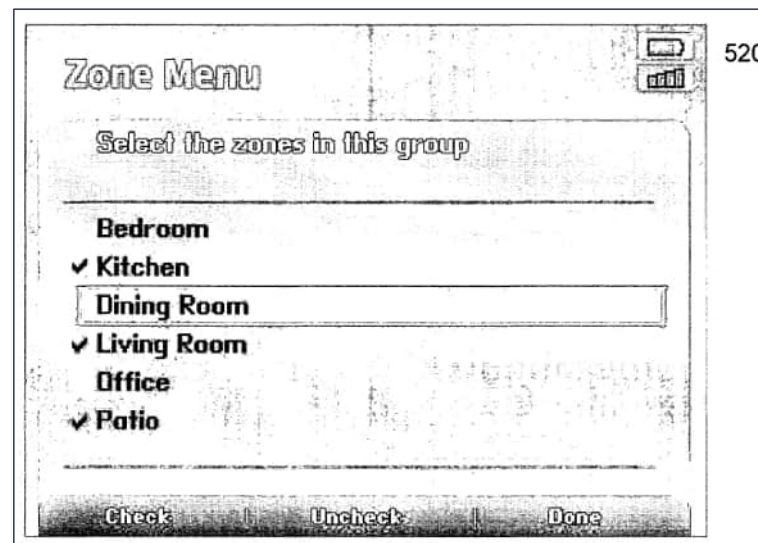
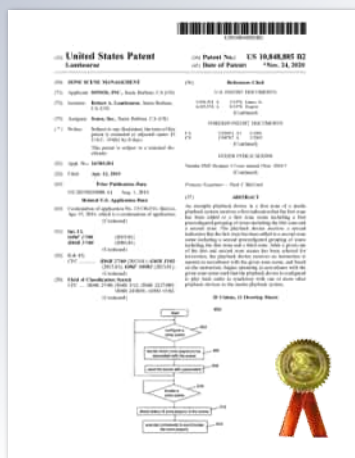


Fig. 5B.



# Overlapping Zone Scenes Contemplated in '885 Patent Specification



## "Morning" Zone Scene

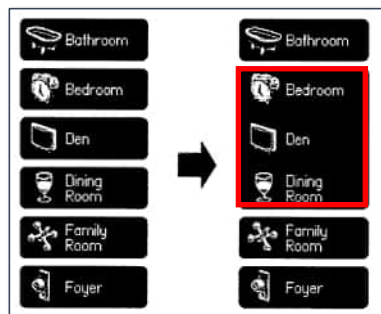


Fig. 3A (annotated).

For instance, a "Morning" zone scene/configuration command would link the Bedroom, Den and Dining Room together in one action. Without this single command, the

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## "Evening" Zone Scene

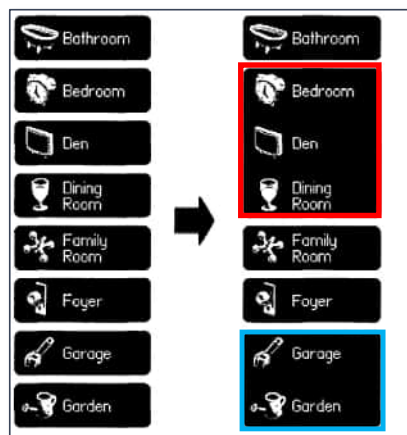


Fig. 3B (annotated).

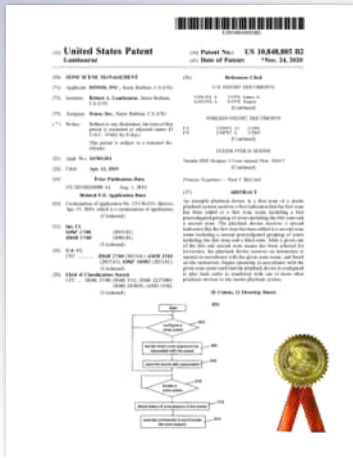
In one embodiment as shown in FIG. 3B, a user defines multiple groups to be gathered at the same time. For example: an "Evening Scene" is desired to link the following zones:

- Group 1
  - Bedroom
  - Den
  - Dining Room
- Group 2
  - Garage
  - Garden

where Bathroom, Family Room and Foyer should be separated from any group if they were part of a group before the Zone Scene was invoked.

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# '885 Patent Discloses Standalone Mode



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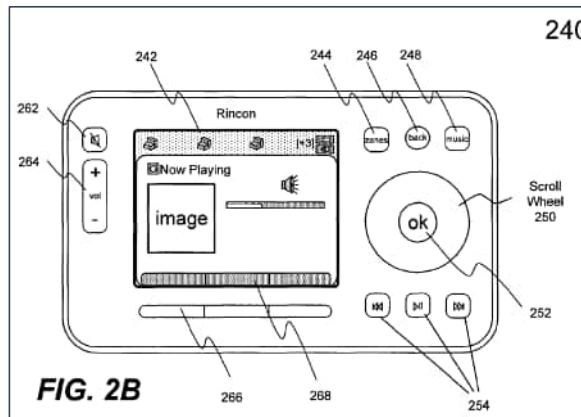


FIG. 2B.

erroneous selection. The "music" button 248 activates a music menu, which allows the selection of an audio source (e.g., a song) to be added to a zone player's music queue for playback.

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players. The music transport functions described herein shall apply selectively to one of the sources when a corresponding one of the zone players or zone groups is selected.

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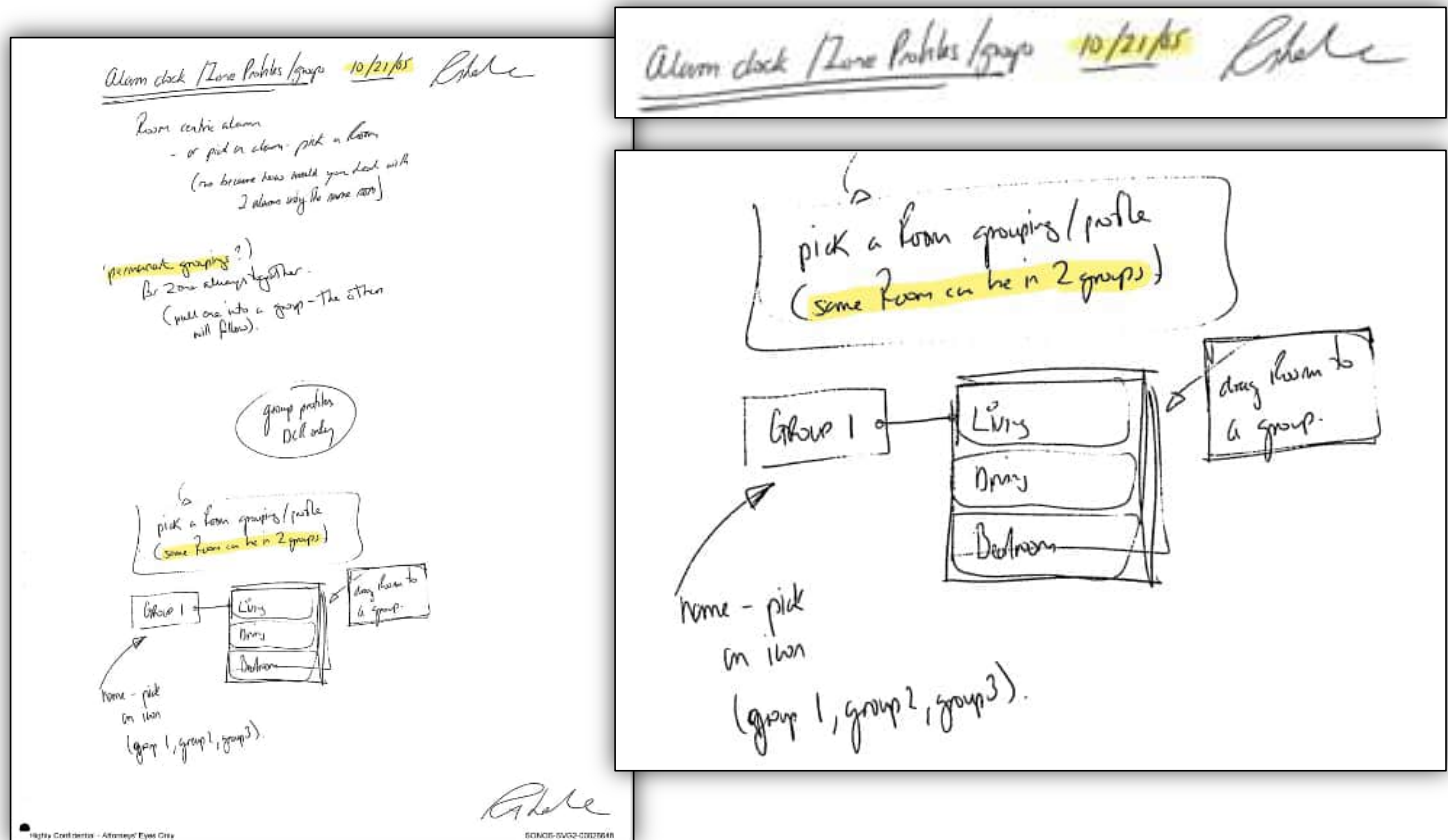
FIG. 8



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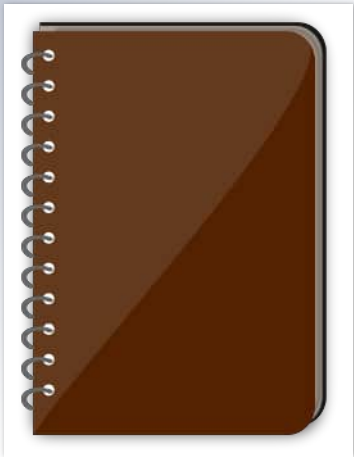


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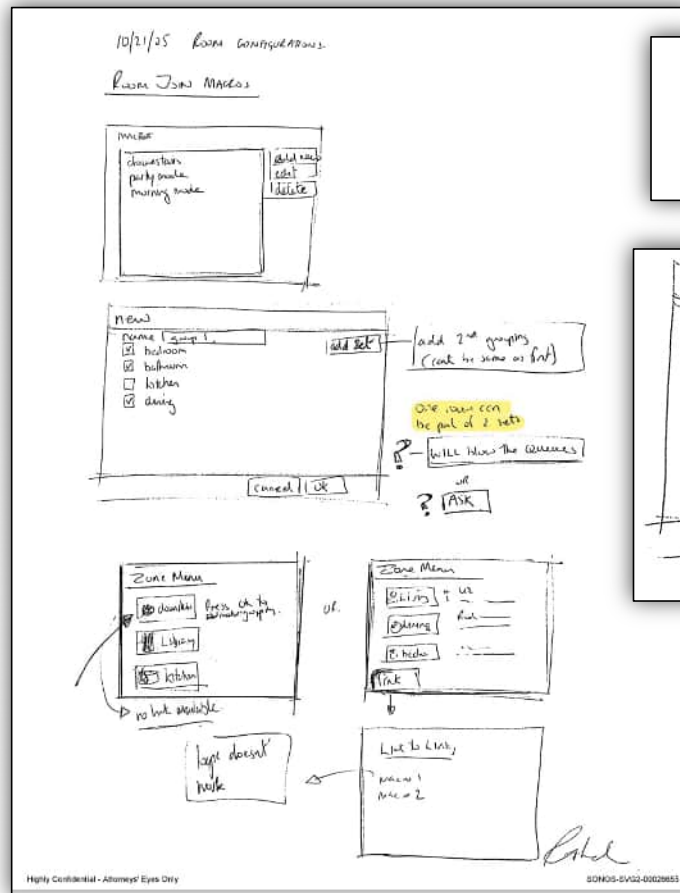


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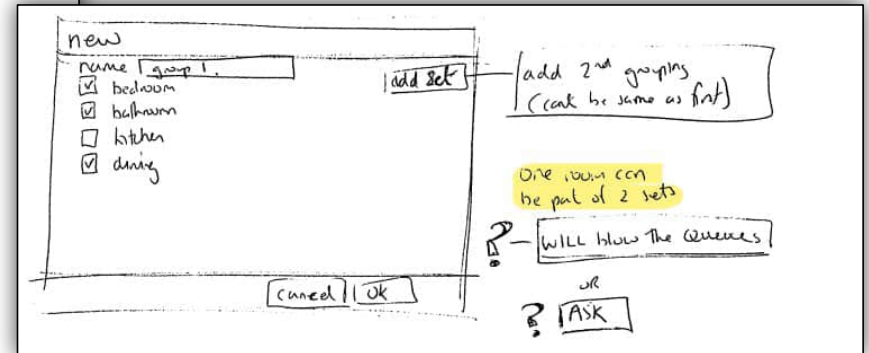
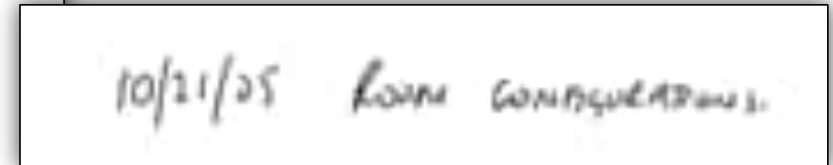
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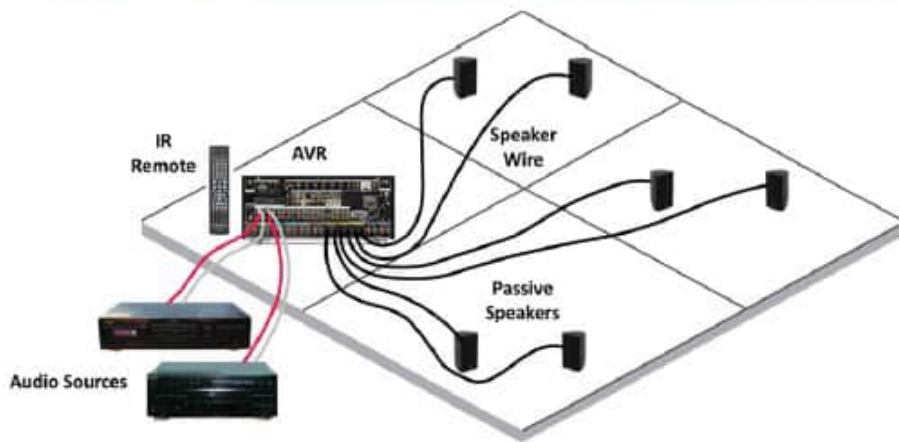
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## Conventional System vs. Sonos System



Conventional System



Sonos System

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